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BRACE FOR AN UNUSUALLY HOT FEBRUARY WITH LITTLE RAIN: IMD

Most parts of India are expected to experience above-normal temperatures and below-normal rainfall in February, the IMD said on Friday

IMPACT ON CROPS AND ADVISORY FOR FARMERS

The hot and dry weather conditions may cause premature bud break and early flowering in apple and stone fruits. Wheat crops at the flowering and grain filling stages may experience significant adverse impacts, while mustard and chickpea are likely to experience early maturity. The IMD advised farmers to use intermittent light irrigation to prevent crop loss

4.5 MM RAIN IN JANUARY CAUSE FOR CONCERN

- The country's mean temperature in January was 18.98 degrees Celsius, the third highest for the month in more than a 100 years
- India received an average of 4.5 mm of rainfall in January, making it the fourth lowest since 1901 and the third lowest since 2001, the India Meteorological Department said on Friday | P9

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JANUARY 2025 WAS THE THIRD WARMEST IN 124 YEARS

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STATE OF THE INDIAN ECONOMY

CHALLENGES
Geopolitical, trade uncertainties, and commodity price shocks could upset growth projections

GROWTH

FY25 Real GDP projected to grow by **6.4%**

Agriculture and services pushed growth in first half of FY25

FY26 India to grow in the range of **6.3%** and **6.8%**. If exports pick up, add another **0.5%** to **1%** growth

2047 GOAL India needs to grow at 8% for 20 years to become a developed nation by 2047. Also, investment rate must rise to 35% of GDP, up from 31% now

INFLATION

Retail inflation softened from **5.4%** in FY24 to **4.9%** in April–December 2024

However, food inflation shot up from **7.5%** in FY24 to **8.4%** in FY25 (April-December)

Overall, the risk to inflation from increases in commodity prices seems limited in FY26

FOREX

$634.6 bn as on Jan 3, 2025

$616.7 bn as on January 31, 2024

90% The forex reserves are sufficient to cover 90% of India's external debt

ECONOMIC SURVEY 2024-25

GET OUT OF THE WAY OF GROWTH, SAYS SURVEY

'Getting out of the way' and allowing businesses to focus on their core mission is a significant contribution that governments around the country can make to foster innovation and enhance competitiveness

V Anantha Nageswaran, CEA

The 'business as usual' attitude will lead to growth stagnation, warns the Economic Survey

Real income in FY24 less than FY18 levels

The real monthly income of male salaried workers was 6.4% lower in FY24 compared to FY18, the Economic Survey said citing Periodic Labour Force Survey data. For female workers, the inflation-adjusted monthly pay was 12.5% lower in FY24 compared to FY18

Long work, junk food may hit mental health

Cautioning against putting in long work hours, the Survey flagged the adverse health effects. It said people who spend 12 hours at desk have struggling levels of mental well-being. The Survey also noted that individuals who rarely consume ultra-processed or packaged junk food have better mental well-being than those who regularly do

DIPAK MONDAL @New Delhi

INDIA's economy is powering down due to multiple factors—both domestic and global—and the 'business as usual' approach would only lead to growth stagnation. This is the clear message from the Economic Survey 2024-25, tabled in Parliament on Friday.

Presented a day before the Budget, the Survey illustrates the challenges India has to surmount to meet the ambitious target of becoming a developed nation by 2047.

To realise the Viksit Bharat dream, the country needs to grow at a high rate of 8% for the next two decades—a challenging task given that the growth forecasts for FY25 and FY26 are less than 7%. The Survey expects FY26 growth to be within a range of 6.3% and 6.8%, which is in line with the prediction of many national and international agencies.

"To achieve the target of Viksit Bharat by 2047, India needs to grow at a nominal rate of 10% in dollar terms," Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran said in a press briefing on Friday.

The Survey calls for an overhaul in approach to achieve the target. Its prescription for growth includes deregulation, augmenting internal capabilities, and shedding the business-as-usual approach.

It advocates the need to improve India's global competitiveness through grassroots-level structural reforms and deregulation.

The Survey, which had last year advocated for better collaboration with China for giving a boost to the manufacturing sector, sings a different tune this year as it identifies the neighbouring country posing the 'single-source concentration risk'. It says India depends on China for several products, which exposes it to potential supply chain disruptions, price fluctuations and currency risks.

Wading into the debate over long working hours, the Survey warns companies against making their employees spend long hours at work. "Individuals who spend 12 or more hours at a desk have distressed/struggling levels of mental well-being, with a mental well-being score approximately 100 points lower than those who spend less than or equal to two hours at a desk," it says citing the Sapien Labs Centre for the Human Brain and Mind study.

Like in the previous year, the Survey has once again red-flagged excessive financialisation of the Indian economy. It says the financial markets must grow in line with the real economy and not faster than the economy's capital needs and overall economic growth.

Amid the noise over artificial intelligence, the Survey says companies need to use AI with sensitivity. P13

First in 10 yrs, no foreign bid to stoke pre-session row: PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

IN a rather sharp remark, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that for the first time since 2014, no foreign attempts were made this year to stoke trouble before the start of a Parliament session. He was speaking to journalists ahead of the start of the Budget session on the premises of Parliament.

"*Shayad 2014 se lekar ab tak, ye pehla* Parliament *ka satr hai, ki jiske ek-do din pehle koi videshi chingari nahi pakdi hai, videsh mein se aag lagane ki koshish nahi hui hai* (Perhaps since 2014, this is the first session of Parliament in which a day or two before the session, there has been no foreign attempt to stoke a fire from abroad)," Modi said. He did not elaborate.

FIRST DAY, FIRST SHOW

With the NDA government tabling its first full-fledged budget in its third term on February 1, Modi invoked Goddess Lakshmi and said he prayed that the goddess of wealth blesses the people of the country with prosperity and success. "The people of the country have given me this responsibility for the third time, and this is the first full budget of our third term. Many important decisions will be taken in the current budget session. I can confidently say that in 2047 when the country will celebrate 100 years of Independence, the resolution of a developed India that the country has taken will create a new confidence and infuse a new energy."

Reaffirming his commitment to development, Modi said his government is moving in a mission mode for all-round progress. "In the third term, we are moving ahead towards all-round development of the country ... innovation, inclusion and investment have constantly been the basis of the roadmap of our economic activity," he said.

I hope that we will live up to the hopes and aspirations of the country in this budget session of Parliament

Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

SONIA'S REMARK ON PREZ SPARKS CONTROVERSY

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR AND PREETHA NAIR
@New Delhi

CONGRESS leader Sonia Gandhi's comments about the hour-long address of President Droupadi Murmu to Parliament on Friday gave the BJP ammunition to launch a scathing attack on the grand old party.

"The poor lady, the President, was getting very tired by the end... she could hardly speak, poor thing," Sonia was heard saying in a viral video on social media.

While Rashtrapati Bhavan said they were in "poor taste, unfortunate and unacceptable," Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the 'royal family' of the Congress of insulting the President, who hails from a tribal background. BJP president J P Nadda termed Sonia "poor thing" phrase "deeply disrespectful" and indicative of the opposition's feudal mindset and disregard for the dignity of the highest Constitutional office.

However, the Congress defended the remarks saying every Indian respects the President and accused the BJP of being unable to accept Sonia's empathy for Murmu's health. Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge said that BJP and the media were twisting her statement. Priyanka Gandhi Vadra said: "My mother is a 78-year-old lady, she has simply said that 'the President read such a long speech and she must have been tired, poor thing'. She fully respects the President of India."

The President was not tired at any point. Indeed, she has believed that speaking up for the marginalised communities ... can never be tiring

Rashtrapati Bhavan

Message to Trump: No de-dollarisation policy

JAYANTH JACOB
@New Delhi

INDIA on Friday reaffirmed that de-dollarisation is neither its policy nor strategy, after President Donald Trump warned BRICS nations against replacing the US dollar as a reserve currency, reiterating a threat of 100% tariffs he made weeks after his November election victory.

"On de-dollarisation, External Affairs Minister has made it clear that we don't have any policy or strategy in this regard," External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said.

Reiterating his early statement on the issue, Trump had posted on Truth Social on Thursday: "We are going to require a commitment from these seemingly hostile countries that they will neither create a new BRICS currency, nor back any other currency to replace the US dollar or, they will face 100% tariffs." BRICS group of countries including India, China and Russia account for 40 per cent of global population and an estimated one-third of global GDP.

DON's OPEN THREAT

Trump has consistently opposed de-dollarisation and any manoeuvres to undermine the dollar. "The idea that BRICS is trying to move away from the Dollar, while we stand by and watch, is over," Trump said.

Although the BRICS countries have explored the idea of an alternative currency, the idea remains far from realisation as unlike other grouping such as the European Union, they lack a common market or unified trade policy. In the last summit of the grouping, BRICS countries, however, had stressed on the need for trade in local currencies and smooth cross-border payments.

CM slams Oppn over MUDA

'THEIR BID TO DENT MY IMAGE WILL FAIL'

Siddaramaiah said efforts are being made by Opposition to target him. He said MUDA case is being probed by Lokayukta police and does not attract PMLA provisions | P4

INDIA SEALS SERIES

Team India celebrates the wicket of England batter Jos Buttler during the fourth T20 cricket match against England in Pune on Friday. India defeated England by 15 runs to seal the series 3-1. India scored 181/9 in 20 overs & England were all out for 166 | PTI

K'taka implements patient's right to die with dignity

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE state government has issued an order to implement the Supreme Court's directive for a patient's right to die with dignity by withdrawing or withholding life-sustaining treatment. This is for patients on long-term treatment with no hope of improvement, or for those in a vegetative state, where medical treatment would only harm them.

Karnataka is the second state after Kerala to implement this ruling. The state government has also come out with an Advanced Medical Directive (AMD) or a living will, in which a patient can record his/her wish regarding medical treatment in future. In the order issued on Thursday, the health department appointed medical experts to the Secondary Medical Board to decide when life-sustaining treatment can be stopped for terminally-ill patients.

Under the new order, any neurologist, neurosurgeon, surgeon, anaesthetist, or intensivist approved to certify brainstem death under the Transplantation of Human Organs and Tissues Act, 1994, can be appointed to the board. District health officers (DHOs) across Karnataka will automatically recognise these experts for this role. P3

KOPPAL SHOCKER

7,000 SSLC students learning ABCD..., 'Aa Aaa, Ee, Eee' now

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Koppal

THOUSANDS of schoolchildren in Koppal district do not know to read and write Kannada. This came to light when officials of the education department visited some government schools in the district a few months ago.

The officials took the matter seriously and raised it during a meeting convened to discuss ways to improve SSLC results in the district recently.

MLC Hemalatha Nayak stated that according to a survey, 7,000 SSLC students can't read and write Kannada and English. Their parents are worried as the timetable for the SSLC examination has been released.

With this being the situation, teachers have started teaching ABCD... and "Aa Aaa, Ee, Eee" to students and are preparing them for the SSLC examination.

In rural areas, parents do not send their children to schools as most of them are daily wage workers or vegetable sellers. They take their children along with them to workplaces. Many such children, who have been forcibly admitted to government schools by teachers, don't attend classes regularly. P3

GOOD NEWS...

'Tiger-occupied area increased by 30% in 20 yrs'

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

NOT only the number of tigers, but also the area occupied by them has increased in the country, according to a study.

The study, 'Tiger recovery amid people and poverty', published in the journal, Science, released on Friday stated that the tiger-occupied area increased by 30% in the last two decades. The study stated that tigers are now using forest interiors as breeding spaces and are expanding their territory.

The area occupied by them has increased annually at the pace of 2,929 sqkm. "This is the largest global population occupation, of around 1,38,200 sqkm," said the study adding that tigers persistently continued to occupy human-free and prey-rich protected areas and at the same time colonised proximal connected habitats that are shared with around 60 million people.

The study stated that the highest occupancy was recorded in Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Maharashtra. Interestingly, the

2023 tiger estimate report released in 2023, showed a rise in tiger numbers in these states compared to 2018. The study said, "Tigers became extinct or were absent from areas with a legacy of extensive bushmeat consumption or commercial poaching, even when human density was relatively low (such as in Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Northeastern states and Southeast Asia)."

Yadvendradev Jhala from Wildlife Institute of India and co-author of the study, said, "Tiger-occupied areas increased in states showing prosperity when compared to states where there is poverty and high armed conflict. Though forest areas have not increased, the area occupied by tigers has increased. They have expanded their range and in today's time, around 40% of tigers live in areas close to human habitation."

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Saturday:** 01.02.2025 • **Year:** Krodhi • **Ayana:** Uttarayana
• **Ritu:** Sishira • **Masa:** Magha • **Paksha:** Shukla • **Tithi:** Thrutheeya 2.18 pm
• **Nakshatra:** Sathabhisha 6.55 am • Moon in Meena Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am
• **Gulikakala:** 06:00 am to 07:30 am • **Yamaganda:** 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER — MIN 18°C | MAX 31°C — **FORECAST** Cloudy

Sunrise 06.45 am | Sunset 06.20 pm | Moonrise 08.53 am | Moonset 09.07 pm

Private schools in Bengaluru hike fee by 40 per cent, parents fume

RISHITA KHANNA @Bengaluru

WITH private school fees in Bengaluru going as high as Rs 2 lakh for third standard, parents argue that schools are profiteering and commercialising education by arbitrarily increasing fees by 30% to 40%, far exceeding the standard 8% to 15% hike justified under guidelines.

Recently, the Voice of Parents Association shared a detailed fee breakdown in a post on social media, which included Rs 1.9 lakh for tuition, Rs 9,000 for annual maintenance fees, and Rs 11,449 labelled as "imprest."

Parents are demanding government intervention through a fee determination committee to address the issue. They also allege that existing laws meant to regulate fees are riddled with loopholes, often created in collusion with private schools. Schools, unwilling to be regulated, either challenge these measures or bypass them through corruption.

To add to the burden, many schools have also stopped offering installment payment options, forcing parents to pay fees upfront and increasing their financial strain.

The Voice of Parents association demanded that schools must, at the very least, provide parents with the option to pay fees in monthly, quarterly, or half-yearly installments. They further insisted that schools display a clear breakdown of their fee structure on the notice board and submit it to the education department. The fees approved by the department should be the only ones collected from parents, and any charges beyond that are illegal.

The association demanded that the government must form a fee determination committee to assess whether schools are commercializing education or profiteering from fees. They emphasized that while schools set their own fees, it is the government's responsibility to ensure that these fees are reasonable and do not exploit parents.

Speaking to TNIE, parents lament that a moderate fee increase is understandable, but the current hike leaves them with no alternatives. They are calling on the government to step in and cap the fees. However, private school associations justify the increases, claiming they are essential to cover growing operational expenses.

Parents told *TNIE* that many schools are not offering installments options for fee payments, causing concern among parents. They fear the increased fees will make quality education unaffordable. "A marginal hike in fees is understandable, but this drastic increase puts us in a quandary. We can't change schools because we would need to pay admission fees and other costs again, yet staying means paying significantly higher fees," said Mahesh R, one of the parent.

CBSE and ICSE-affiliated schools explain the fee hikes by citing increased management costs, teacher salaries, and other expenses. Meanwhile, state syllabus schools claim that the decline in student numbers has made fee increases necessary.

One of the department officials attributed the fee hike to an oversupply of schools and the presence of many unauthorized institutions. With student enrolment declining, per capita costs have increased, leading to fee hikes of 10% to 15%, the official said.

BMTC ACCIDENT

Don't try to board moving bus, min warns commuters

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

FOLLOWING the tragic incident of a 20-year-old woman coming under the wheels of BMTC bus near Padmanabha Nagar in Banashankari Traffic Police Station limits on Wednesday, Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy urged people to safely board and deboard buses and never try to catch a moving bus.

On Wednesday morning, Monica, a resident of Katriguppe working in a private company, in a hurry to catch a BMTC bus, tripped and came under the rear wheel. She was rushed to the hospital, where she was declared dead. "It is very clear that if a person tries to catch a running bus or shows negligence while deboarding a bus or while boarding and even standing on footboard, he or she is likely to meet with an accident. We have already created awareness on these issues, but still, people end up repeating the same mistake," said Reddy.

The minister stressed that as the BMTC has a fleet of over 6,500 buses and the frequency is higher and in cities like Bengaluru, the public should not panic.

Aero India: BIAL to revise airport closure hours

Need to prioritise Kumbh Mela flights reason behind this decision

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE Bangalore International Airport Ltd (BIAL) will issue a fresh advisory on the closure hours for commercial flights at the Kempegowda International Airport on account of the upcoming Aero India 2025 at Yelahanka.

The non-operational hours announced earlier for nine days at KIA are set to be reduced particularly because of the jam-packed flights to Prayagraj for the Maha Kumbh Mela. A source at BIAL told *TNIE*, "We will issue a revised advisory in a day or two. Talks have been held with the airlines and other stakeholders in this connection."

As per the advisory issued on January 21, the airport announced a closure of 47 hours from February 5 to 14 with three-hour closures to be effected on most of the days in the mornings and afternoons.

Sources in the airline industry charged that the greed on the part of airlines was the reason for this sudden crisis they find themselves in. "Two mega events, Aero India and the Kumbh Mela are clashing this year. Due to the overwhelming demand to attend the Mela, airlines went ahead and booked the tickets. The flights from Bengaluru to Prayagraj are overflowing. It is not just the mela, bookings have been made across other sectors also. Literally, everyone knows months ago that Aero India would happen in February on these days in 2025. However, the major issue now is the Kumbh Mela as devotees will somehow have to be sent to their destination due to religious sentiments and those flights cannot be held back," he said.

A source privy to the meeting held on Wednesday (January 29) said, "The plan as of now is to reduce the 3-hour closure period announced in the morning and afternoons to 2.5 hrs. During the additional half-an-hour gained in each shutdown period, the flights to Prayagraj can depart. There are 4 or 5 flights daily during that closure period."

BIAL, Airports Authority of India and representatives of airlines have agreed to the new schedule, he added.

Asked about its plan for the closure period, the operator of the maximum number of flights in the country, Indigo, said, "As of now, our plan is to reimburse the fare for all the flights booked during that period. In case, the flight time is 10 or 15 minutes close to the opening time, then we will operate those flights by deferring them for some time. We have informed all our passengers about the plan." Another airport source added that the closure is impacting airlines more this time since the number of Air Traffic Movements (arrival and departures) as well as flyers from Bengaluru have shot up in the last two years.

An industry expert said, "This is specifically why Bengaluru needs a second airport or at least the opening up of the HAL airport temporarily in times of such emergencies."

Closure timings

The NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) had specified three hours of closure in the morning and afternoon (9 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 5 pm) on all days from Feb 5 to 8 and Feb 13 and 14. On Feb 9, 11, and 12, the closure is for three hours only (9 am to 12 noon) while on Feb 10, it will close for five hours (9 am to 12 noon and 2 pm to 4 pm).

WOMAN CREW

To mark the approaching 100th anniversary of electric traction on Indian Railways, the Bengaluru Railway Division on Friday ran the Bengaluru-Mysuru Rajya Rani Express with an all-woman crew from KSR Bengaluru City. This special train was flagged off by Ashutosh Mathur, Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Bengaluru Division, at 10.30 am, a release said. Locopilot Balla Siva Parvathi and Assistant Locopilot Ramya Kumari steered the train while train manager (guard) Shailaja, RPF personnel Swaroopini and Varalakshmi, and Travelling Ticket Examiner Anila Zacharia were the other staff on board | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

White-topping work in Peenya, avoid these routes

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

WITH BBMP undertaking white-topping work on Peenya 100 Feet Road, from Peenya Industrial Association Junction to Jalahalli Cross Junction, all types of vehicular traffic will be prohibited on this stretch from Feb 1, until work is completed.

Restricted Road: Peenya 100 Feet Road – Peenya Industrial Association Junction to Jalahalli Cross Junction

Alternative Routes: Vehicles coming from TVS Cross Junction to Jalahalli Cross Junction on Peenya 100 Feet Road to take slight right turn at Peenya Industrial Association Junction and use other side of the road, which will have two-way traffic system

Goods Vehicles: All goods vehicles coming from Peenya 100 Ft Road to take right at TVS Cross Junction, proceed towards Peenya Police Station Road, then join Tumakuru Road at Peenya Police Station Junction

Parking Restricted: Peenya Police Station Road, Peenya 100 Ft Road (Jalahalli Cross to TVS Cross, both sides of road), Peenya 1st Cross Road. All types of vehicles temporarily prohibited from parking in these areas.

EXPRESS READ

BDA recovers property worth Rs 1.75cr at BSK

Bengaluru: The Bangalore Development Authority on Friday recovered its encroached property at Banashankari 1st Stage (currently 3rd stage) in an operation conducted today. Unauthorised sheet sheds which had come up on Banashankari 1st Stage was demolished and 1350 sq.ft. of land was recovered. The recovered property is estimated at about Rs. 1.75 crore. The demolition operation was carried out by the BDA Task Force with the local police.

State Bank of India hosts Exporters' Meet

Bengaluru: The State Bank of India hosted Exporters Meet to Empower Karnataka Export Businesses recently, bringing together exporters, industry experts , and key stakeholders from National Banking Group and Commercial Clients Group all across Karnataka under one roof to explore innovative solutions and address challenges in the export ecosystem. Samir Sawhney CGM (Global Markets), Anindya S Paul CGM (SME) and GMs attended the event.

BMRCL erects 65-metre composite girder on ORR

Bengaluru: The complex task of erecting four composite steel girders over the 65-metre span above the tracks of Salem railway bridge was completed on Thursday. The job was completed between the ISRO and Doddanakundi Metro stations of Metro's Outer Ring Road line (Silk Board to KR Puram). An official release said, "The launching of composite girder at this location a major challenge as there was no service road and there was restricted opening in the railway underpass. Also, the road at this location crosses the railway tracks which further restricted the operation of the crane.

Metro: Free parking for cyclists, spl space for PwDs

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE parking policy for Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has been finalised and will be sent to the Urban Development department shortly for approval. To incentivise environment-friendly transport, parking for cycles will be made free and special parking space provided for Persons with Disabilities.

A top official told *TNIE*, "The policy 2.0 was readied in October 2024 and public feedback sought. We also took feedback from the Directorate of Urban Land Transport. It was very keen on incentivising cyclists and we incorporated it."

At present, cycles are charged Rs 1 for an hour and Rs 10 for a full day. "In future, BMRCL will earmark space for cyclists at every Metro station on the network and upcoming stations," the official said.

To encourage PwDs to travel by Metro, every station will have exclusive space earmarked for them. "There will be space to park at least two vehicles (modified two-wheelers) in the parking lot. There will be more space in bigger stations," he said.

To dissuade non-Metro commuters from using parking space at Metro stations, BMRCL plans to link parking fee payment with the National Common Mobility Card. "After it gets integrated with the BMTC network and catches on in popularity, cash or any other payment will not be accepted in future for parking fee," another official said. Ample parking space has been proposed in the peripheral and terminal stations of the network. "We cannot create standalone multi-storeyed parking lots as the Transit Oriented Development policy of the State government does not permit it. But we are planning to provide as much space as possible," the official said.

To provide last-mile connectivity for Yellow Line, scheduled for launch in April, top officials visited the stations to ensure bus and parking facilities are in place.

More AFC gates at 7 stations

To cater to the high number of passengers, the number of entry and exit gates (Automatic Fare Collection gates) have been increased, said a senior official in the Operations department.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

01ST February: Distant horizons beckon. Some of us will be setting out on physical journeys but, for others, it's the spiritual quest that counts. Whatever path we choose as individuals, the point is that there's a whole universe out there waiting to be experienced.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Others seem to be pinning their hopes on you, but whether they are wise to do so or not is another matter. At any rate, today's lunar alignments will give you extra scope to explain your needs and desires. First, though, you need to work out what you really and truly want.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
It's a good day for traditional pursuits, like shopping or dealing with other financial issues, or fixing up your home. The overwhelming emphasis of your planets is on work rather than play, so stay busy. Even in leisure activities you'll want to do your best.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The Moon now brings a real change of heart in emotional connections which have grown stale over recent times. It will be pleasant indeed to feel more alive again, as the breath of love enters into your psychic arteries. Don't let everyday concerns block or obscure such wonderful feelings.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You will certainly require much help and assistance, if only because certain people now owe you a debt of gratitude. If anybody feels guilty about the way they have treated you, exploit it to the hilt! After all, they should have thought about their actions first!

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
This is one of those rare times when partners must be allowed to go their own way. You will have to learn to trust people, even if your past experience shows that they are likely to make a hash of things. Maybe they have now learnt their lesson! But perhaps you can also offer them the right assistance.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Your solar chart is certainly a rather special one at the moment. I have spoken about favourable chances and opportunities over the past few weeks. Now, today's Lunar picture will set you a sort of celestial exam to see how far you are prepared to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You won't be able to make decisive moves financially, or in terms of material security, until after Mercury resolves its current set of changeable aspects. You might imagine that you've all the time in the world, but deep inside you know the clock is ticking away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You can go into battle over almost any personal matter if you wish, and the chances are that you will win. But winning the war is a different matter, and you should think very carefully before tangling with anyone who you may need to rely on in future.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
The time is fast approaching when no one will be able to impose any restrictions on you, but that's not how it feels just now. Indeed, the typical Sagittarian should be feeling particularly hemmed in by half-understood emotional feelings. Perhaps you need to go back to first principles before you start anything new.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
You should take advice from friends and close associates, even on drawn-out domestic dramas. You must also realise that other people do take their beliefs and principles very seriously, so don't expect them to compromise. If they want to be different, then so be it!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
If you can accept other people as they are then you will probably get on a great deal more easily than in the past. This is very much a period in which people must all listen to each other with courtesy, otherwise tempers are bound to fray - and arguments will erupt.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Whatever else has been happening, it is very useful to spend time at home, or otherwise making more of an effort to get on with family members. Your travel stars are still extremely strong, so you should consider a good break and a nice, long rest.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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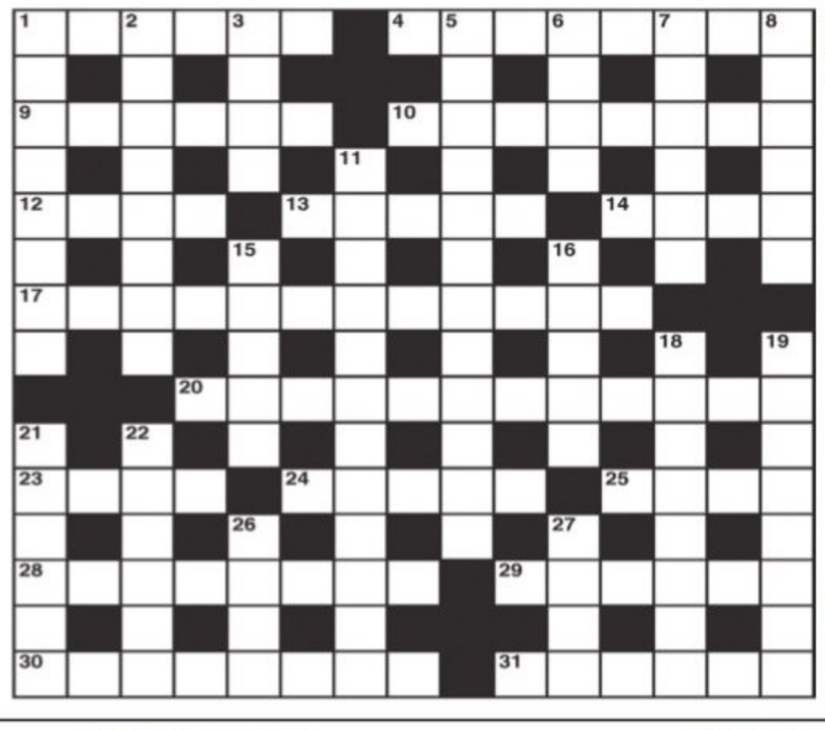

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 He brought fresh weight to laws of motion (6)
4 Continentals involved in fracas (8)
9 Stop and take in to custody (6)
10 Doctor is in the wrong when he is driving (8)
12 It's not the sole order dogs obey (4)
13 Faces the teams (5)
14 Fish that's part of the pilchard family (4)
17 Cooled the unusually red fire grate (12)
20 Daydreamer who is easily disturbed? (5,7)
23 It's socially okay in class to be fat (4)
24 Stone for a garden entrance maybe (5)
25 A stretcher to boot (4)
28 Mother is back in care perhaps in the USA (8)
29 Bang on the head possibly (6)
30 New circle road led to the city of gold (2,6)
31 Not the only sort of spectacles on the beach (6)

DOWN
1 Stockman here and there perhaps (8)
2 Poorer effects for so few (5,3)
3 Drive out from Houston (4)
5 Are they liquidated only when the heat's on? (6,6)
6 Smooth metal (4)
7 Settle a clue (6)
8 Strays around in the woods (6)
11 Author depicts cyclist looking exhausted (5,7)
15 Entrench oneself at the dining table (3,2)
16 The apostle of rock? (5)
18 Joint description of Eve's origin (5,3)
19 Looking horrible, so urge me to make changes (8)
21 Key to public property (6)
22 Be the boss and make drastic capital cut (6)
26 The end carriage (4)
27 Do nothing but listen to Macaulay's work (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Taste, 4 Decorum, 8 Sou, 9 Green room, 10 Actress, 11 Sepoy, 13 Exiles, 15 Marrow, 18 Might, 19 Candour, 21 Proscribe, 23 All, 24 Dresden, 25 Steer.

Down: 1 Testate, 2 Squatting, 3 Eagle, 4 Dressy, 5 Canasta, 6 Rio, 7 Mummy, 12 Personage, 14 Enticed, 16 Warbler, 17 Action, 18 Moped, 20 Needs, 22 One.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

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(Answers Monday)

Yesterday's Jumbles: BRAVO ICING CATTLE AGENCY
Answer: After inflatable tires were introduced, it didn't take long for them to — GAIN TRACTION

Forest officials recovered the carcass of a male elephant from a forest near Maragunda of Sakleshpur taluk on Friday. They suspect that the 35-year-old elephant died, fighting another elephant, a week ago. It had injury marks on its neck and chest regions

LOKAYUKTA POLICE RAID 7 OFFICIALS, UNEARTH DA WORTH ₹18.45 CR

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LOKAYUKTA police unearthed disproportionate assets (DA) valued at Rs 18.45 crore allegedly possessed by seven government officials in various parts of the state on Friday.

Conducting simultaneous raids on more than 27 premises in connection with seven DA cases registered in Bengaluru city, Belagavi, Bagalkote, Chitradurga and Raichur, the Lokayukta police unearthed DA valued at Rs 8.57 crore allegedly possessed by Madhav Rao, assistant executive engineer, Hebbal Division of BBMP.

According to a statement, Rao allegedly possessed immovable assets worth Rs 7.52 crore, including 7 sites, 2 houses, and 48.27 acres of agricultural land. He was also found owning movable assets valued at Rs 1.05 crore, including jewellery worth Rs 55 lakh and vehicles worth Rs 50 lakh.

Lokayukta police in Belagavi found Sachin Basavant Manded, first division assistant, office of sub-registrar, Belagavi North, owning DA worth Rs 2.50 crore. They included immovable assets worth Rs 58 lakh, including 1 site, 1 under-construction building, 1 acre and 12 guntas of agricultural land and movable assets worth Rs 1.92 crore, including jewellery of Rs 87.27 lakh and bank deposits of Rs 1.01 crore.

TK Ramesh, deputy secretary, zilla panchayat, Bengaluru Rural, was found possessing DA worth Rs 2.21 crore which included Rs 1.23 crore of immovable assets comprising 3 sites, 1 house and movable assets of Rs 97.83 lakh, including vehicles worth Rs 20 lakh and other expenditures of Rs 67.50 lakh.

In Chitradurga, the Lokayukta police unearthed Rs 1.78 crore DA allegedly possessed by KC Shashidhar, manager, district Backward Classes Welfare Department. They included immovable assets of Rs 1.21 crore comprising 1 site, 1 house, 9 acres 14 guntas of agricultural land and movable assets of Rs 57.05 lakh, including jewellery worth Rs 21.66 lakh.

Shivalingaiah, PDO, Hulageri Gram Panchayat, Badami taluk, Bagalkot district, was found possessing DA of Rs 1.43 crore, including Rs 1.18 crore immovable assets comprising 1 site, 1 house and movable assets of Rs 24.75 lakh, including jewellery worth Rs 14.28 lakh.

Narasimha Rao Gujjar, assistant accounts officer, Raichur ZP, allegedly owned DA worth Rs 1.20 crore, including immovable assets of Rs 78 lakh comprising 5 sites and 2 houses and movable assets of Rs 42.48 lakh, including jewellery worth Rs 40.40 lakh.

Sanjay Annappa Durgannavar, veterinary inspector, Raibagh taluk, Belagavi district, was found possessing DA of Rs 74.07 lakh, including Rs 50.77 lakh worth immovable assets and movable assets of Rs 23.30 lakh.

Former GP bill collector gets 3-year RI in DA case

A special court sentenced Krishnappa, the then bill collector of Chikkajala Gram Panchayat, to undergo three years of rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs 50.20 lakh for possessing disproportionate assets (DA). Judge KM Radhakrishna passed the order sentencing Krishnappa, after charges of possessing DA to the tune of Rs 63.66 lakh, in a case registered a decade ago by the Lokayukta police, were proved. "The conduct of the accused being a public servant in illegally accumulating the assets disproportionate to his known source of income truly demands stringent punishment. So that, it could be a message to the public servants of this nature involving in corrupt activities. Hence, no question of extending the leniency would arise," the judge said. Noting that the prosecution was successful in establishing that the accused being a public servant acquired DA during the check period from 1993 to 2014 beyond reasonable doubt, the court said the accused has failed to give satisfactory accounts to accept his defence that he is innocent. **ENS**

CRIME PATROL

Rowdy-sheeter assaults 2 constables, arrested

BENGALURU: In a bid to escape, a 28-year-old rowdy-sheeter attacked two police constables with a knife when they went to nab him. The police arrested him after firing a warning shot. The incident took place near Thippasandra under Jeevan Bheema Nagar police station limits on Friday morning. The accused has been identified as Kiran alias Psycho Kiran. He had been absconding since 2022, and an arrest warrant had been issued against him. He was involved in dacoity and robbery cases. The police learnt about Kiran's whereabouts, and two constables rushed to the spot around 12.30 am to nab him. Kiran allegedly attacked them with a knife, causing deep cuts on their hands, before fleeing. Later, at 4.45 am on Friday, the police traced his location to New Thippasandra and a team rushed there. As he tried to attack police again, the inspector fired a warning shot in the air and took him into custody.

Engineering student falls off bike, dies

BENGALURU: A 20-year-old engineering student died and his friend was injured after they fell from a scooter. The incident took place near Anjanapura 80 Ft Road under Thalaghattapura traffic police station limits on Thursday night. The deceased has been identified as Rahul Gautham, a resident of Kumaraswamy Layout and a native of Kolar. He was a fifth-semester engineering student at a private college in Kumaraswamy Layout. His classmate and roommate Chirag is the injured. The police said that, Rahul and Chirag went to meet their friends in Anjanapura at 11.30 pm. While returning to their paying guest accommodation, they lost control of their scooter and fell on the road. Rahul, who was riding pillion, sustained a severe head injury, while Chirag suffered minor injuries. Passersby rushed them to a nearby hospital, but Rahul was declared brought dead.

FRIEND REQUEST

7 held for duping man of ₹1.5L with fake profiles

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THE Adugodi police arrested seven accused who cheated a man by sending a fake friend request on social media and defrauded him of Rs 1.5 lakh.

The accused have been identified as Azharuddin, Mohammed Mudassir , Imtiaz Pasha, Shashi Kumar, Syed Khasif , Syed Danish and Shafiullah Sharif, all residents of Mysuru and in their early 30s.

The police said that the accused sent a friend request on a social media platform using a fake profile picture of the victim's old friend. Believing the request was genuine, the victim accepted it. The fraudster claimed to be in Dubai and told the victim that he would soon be returning to India. To avoid taxes, he said he would transfer Rs 7.85 lakh to the victim's bank account and collect the money after returning to Bengaluru. He assured the victim that the amount would be credited within 24 hours and sent a receipt claiming that the transfer had been made.

The following day, the fraudster sent a text message to the victim claiming to be in a police station in Abu Dhabi and in trouble. He requested Rs 1.9 lakh to be transferred to an agent's account. Trusting him, the victim transferred Rs 1.5 lakh via an immediate payment service. Later, upon checking the bank statement, the victim realised that no money had been credited to the account and filed a complaint, the police said.

The police further added that after analysing bank transactions and other technical evidence, one of the accused was arrested in Mysuru. Upon questioning, he revealed the involvement of six others, who were arrested and recovered 31 ATM cards, nine Aadhaar cards, and 11 passbook and six chequebooks.

HC quashes cases after govt sends biopesticide sample to wrong lab

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POINTING out the blunder committed by the state government, which sent the samples of bio-pesticide to a laboratory notified for insecticide for residual analysis in the city and Raichur, instead of sending them to National Institute of Plant Health Management, Hyderabad as notified by the union government under the Insecticides Act, 1968 and Rules, 1971, the Karnataka High Court quashed multiple cases registered against a trader from Hoskote in Bengaluru Rural district.

The court noted that the Rule 23 deals with the duties of insecticide analyst and it is the analytical work that is sent for reporting. It is not understandable as to how the said provisions are pressed into service concerning bio-pesticide. Though the notification of the state government dated March 20, 2019 refers to bio-pesticides for sending samples to laboratory in Bengaluru, and Raichur, it cannot take precedence over the notification issued by the Government of India under Section 16 of the Act which makes the laboratory at Hyderabad the only institute for testing bio-pesticides, the court said.

"What is referred to as the laboratory in the government order is to test insecticide and the sample that is drawn from the business premises of the petitioner is admittedly not an insecticide but it is a bio-pesticide. The marked difference between the two is completely ignored by the state government while issuing the notification or the government order as the case would be", the court observed.

Justice M Nagaprasanna passed the order while allowing a batch of petitions filed by B S Suresh Babu, proprietor of Karnataka Traders in Hoskote who sold and distributed insecticides and vegetable seeds, questioning the complaints registered by the insecticide inspector and assistant agricultural director, under provisions of the Insecticides Act, 1968 and Rules, 1971, following an inspection of his shop in 2021.

SEEKING ACTION

Kannada activists raise slogans, demanding action against microfinance firms, at Freedom Park on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Raised the issue in Belagavi session: MLC Hemalatha

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RAMESH Badiger, a resident of Kinnal village in the district, said, "Poor parents in rural areas want their children to earn money and they are not keen on sending them to schools. Many parents are illiterate and they do not know the importance of education. Teachers should take the matter seriously. They should not promote such students to higher classes."

MLC Hemalatha Nayak said, "I raised the matter during the recent session in Belagavi and even urged Primary and Secondary Education Minister Madhu Bangarappa to initiate immediate action. The minister promised that he would look into it and act accordingly. But no serious action has been taken so far."

AFTER THE FIREWORKS

City saw big pollution spike during NY celebrations

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BENGALURU experienced the most significant pollution spike among Indian cities during New Year celebrations, revealed a report by Airvoice, a global startup dedicated to air quality control, which analysed PM2.5 pollution levels during New Year's Eve across major cities in India, Europe, and the Americas. In Bengaluru, PM2.5 levels jumped by 63% compared to December night averages.

The spike is attributed to increased firecracker use and marks a concerning trend for a city otherwise known for its moderate air quality, the report said.

Bengaluru, which typically records moderate air quality compared to other major Indian cities, experienced an unprecedented pollution surge on New Year's Eve, with the city's PM2.5 levels jumping to 56.05 microgram per cubic metre, a significant increase from the December average of 34.33 microgram per cubic metre, the report, released on Friday, said. While the report acknowledges that firecrackers were a major contributor to the pollution surge in Bengaluru, it also highlights the broader implications for the city's environmental health.

PM2.5 levels, which measure particulate matter small enough to be inhaled into the lungs, are known to cause a range of respiratory and cardiovascular problems, especially among vulnerable groups like children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing health conditions.

Colonel Ashwini K Channan, CEO of Airvoice India, emphasised the need for a change in both policy and behaviour to address the pollution challenge. He highlighted that Bengaluru's pollution spike serves as a wake-up call. "It's time to focus on long-term solutions, not just for firecracker use, but also in terms of vehicular emissions, industrial pollution, and urban planning," he said.

D'gere CEN police arrest pharmacist in POCSO case

ENS @ Davanagere

THE Davanagere police on Friday arrested a man for allegedly raping a minor girl and threatening her.

Based on a complaint lodged by ASI HN Shashidhar at Davanagere Cybercrime, Economic offences, Narcotics (CEN) police, the police registered a complaint and arrested Amzad (56), who owns a pharmacy at Devaraj Urs Extension 'C' Block here, and produced him in court, which sent him to judicial custody.

The complainant stated that when he was on duty, he came across a video clip on social media, depicting a person sexually assaulting a minor girl.

The complainant also said that the issue was brought to the notice of the higher authorities and the contents of the video showed that the minor girl was taken to a home and raped. Further, the immoral act was videographed and shared on social media.

The CEN police filed an FIR under Section 67, 67(A), 67(B) of the IT Act, and Section 77, 294, 64 of BNS, 2023, and Sections 4,6,14, and 15 of POCSO Act, 2012, and investigation is under way.

Superintendent of Police Uma Prashanth formed a team led by DSP Padmashree Gunjikar and directed them to solve the case, which resulted in Amzad's arrest.

Order a big relief for terminally ill: Minister

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HEALTH Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "This order will be a big relief for those who are terminally ill, have no hope of recovery, or are in a persistent vegetative state, where treatment no longer helps."

He said this decision would help families and individuals by giving them a dignified sense of closure.

Procedure for withholding treatment

The order outlines a step-by-step procedure for withholding life-sustaining treatment. First, the treating doctor must approve the decision. After that the hospital where the patient is being treated has to set up a primary medical board and a secondary medical board. Each board will have three registered medical practitioners.

The secondary medical board should also have a doctor nominated by the DHO. Both boards will carefully consider whether withholding treatment is the right choice after consulting the patient's family or the person named in the AMD.

Before any action is taken, the decisions of both boards must be placed before the Judicial Magistrate of First Class (JMFC). The JMFC will check the decision and send copies to the high court registrar for official record-keeping.

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Dinesh Gundu Rao, Health Minister

WHAT IS AMD (LIVING WILL)?

An AMD or a living will is a document where a patient can state his/her wish about the kind of medical treatment needed or to stop it in future. If a patient is unable to make decisions later, he/she can mention two trusted individuals to make decisions on his/her behalf. Any adult patient, who is mentally sound, can create an AMD. Once made, the patient should give a copy of the directive to a government-appointed officer. Additionally, the AMD can be added to the patient's health records, whether digital or paper. The health department stated that having an AMD helps doctors understand the type of treatment the patient wants, or would like to avoid, ensuring that his/her wishes are respected when the time comes.

REMEMBRANCE

Wg Cdr (Retd)
JACOB ANTHIKAD
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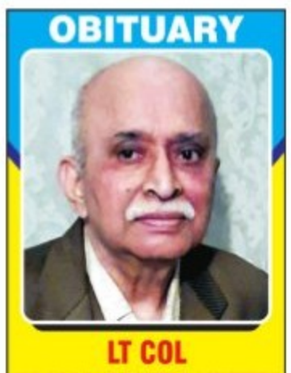

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UTTARA KANNADA DISTRICT POLICE
WANTED
In the Honnavar Police Station, Uttara Kannada District, under case No.09/2025, sections 325, 303(2)BNS-2023, concerning a case of Karnataka prevention of slaughter and preservation of cattle act 2020, information regarding the where abouts of the main accused, 1) Wasim, bhatkal and 2) Mujamil, bhatkal who are absconding. Is requested, Anyone providing information can contact the Police Superintendent at phone number: 9480805201/ 9480805208.
A reward of Rs.50,000/- for each person will be given to the informants.
The information provided by the informants will be kept confidential

Mujamil, bhatkal

Wasim Sulaiman Mirajikar, Bhatkal

District Police Control Room phone number 08382-226550

Reacting to AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge's statement on the Maha Kumbh Mela, Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji of Sri Pejavar Mutt, Udupi, said, "Kharge's statement reveals his intentions. We must respect the sentiments of the majority. Everyone's feelings should be respected, and no one should be hurt. Such statements are not befitting his stature," the seer said

NO HIGH EXPECTATIONS FROM UNION BUDGET, SAYS CM

Congress high command will decide on leadership issue, says Siddaramaiah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said here on Friday that he does not have high expectations from the Union Budget, which is being presented by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Saturday, as the central government has failed to release funds for the programmes announced in the previous budget.

He said the Centre had announced Rs 5,300 crore for the Upper Bhadra Project in 2023-2024, but has not released funds till date. When they have not released what they announced in the earlier budget, what can we expect in this year's budget, he asked. He accused the Union Government of not doing justice in devolution of taxes. While the state government is accruing Rs 4.5 lakh crore to the Centre, it is giving back only Rs 60,000 crore to the state. The Centre gave a Rs 5,400 crore loan to NABARD, but cut 58% affecting the lending capacity of cooperative banks and societies, he pointed out.

People go to institutions that give them loans easily, but they end up paying exorbitant interest rates. These financial organisations are adopting coercive methods, like hiring goondas, to recover the loan amount. "The government is coming out with an ordinance within two days to control microfinance firms, some of whom are charging exorbitant interest rates in the range of 28-30 percent. Loan takers are resorting to extreme measures like suicide, unable to bear torture from these institutions," he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah perfoms puja to Goddess Cauvery, before inaugurating development works at Bhagamandala in Madikeri, Kodagu district, on Friday | EXPRESS

He appealed to the people not to commit suicide or leave their towns, as the government is with them. The government will act tough against these companies that are violating RBI guidelines and collecting much more than the principal amount, he added.

On BJP state president BY Vijayendra attacking Congress for criticising the stampede at Kumbh Mela in Uttar Pradesh, Siddaramaiah said they criticised lapses on the part of the state, governed by a BJP government. "We have every right to criticise when someone commits mistakes. Vijayendra's statement is immature," he added. Amid speculation over him being replaced as chief minister, Siddaramaiah said he will go by the decision of the party high command and there is no confusion.

He said the meeting between Home Minister G Parameshwara and PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi was not illegal. Ministers holding meetings and dinners has nothing to do with politics and it is not against the party either, he added.

Oppn will not succeed in denting my image: Siddu

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mysuru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah said on Friday that serious efforts are being made to target him and dent his image and added that the MUDA case being investigated by the Lokayukta police does not attract the provisions of the Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002. He told reporters here that the opposition parties are misleading the people of the state on the MUDA case. They would not be successful in their attempt as there is no evidence to prove the allegations against him under PMLA.

Siddaramaiah said former MUDA commissioner DS Natesha had approached the High Court of Karnataka against ED's action in an alternative site allotment case and challenged it for issuing summons to him and searching his premises. The court termed the ED action illegal and unlawful and issued a stay order.

He said the high court stated that there is no evidence of money laundering in the case.

Clarifying that the ED has not released its investigation report, Siddaramaiah said that everyone knows that the probe is politically motivated. He and his wife approached the court against the ED action and they will face it legally, he added.

Meanwhile, Social Welfare Minister HC Mahadevappa said that he had no role in his nephew Naveen Bose getting a MUDA site under the 50:50 scheme.

Mahadevappa alleged that the ED mentioned his name in its report to target the ruling Congress in the state.

BUDGET 2025-26

FARMERS HOPE FOR INTEREST-FREE LOANS, REFORMS IN AGRI SECTOR

BENGALURU: With Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to present the Union Budget 2025 on Saturday, farmers across the country are raising their voice for crucial reforms to ensure fair pricing, financial security and protection against agricultural losses. Their demands before the Central government include an urgent need for policy changes to support the farming sector, which is the backbone of India's economy. Farmer leader Kurubur Shantakumar, who represents many farmer associations, said, "Farmers are demanding a legally binding law to guarantee Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all agricultural products. Andhra Pradesh passed a similar bill in 2023, and a nationwide law must be implemented to ensure stable and fair prices for all farmers." With unpredictable weather causing massive losses, farmers want insurance to cover all crops, and compensation for natural calamities such as droughts, floods and cyclones. Farmers are seeking changes in the agricultural loan policy, including loans up to 75 per cent of their land value to ensure financial stability, and interest-free loans of at least ₹5lakh without collateral. Sugarcane farmers have specific demands to prevent exploitation by sugar mills: Fair and Remunerative Price (FRP) must be calculated at the farmer's field, not the mill, ensuring they receive the actual market value. Sugar mills must stop deducting 25 per cent payment for sugarcane damaged by fire, the farmer leader said. "To provide better financial backing for farmers, a ₹500crore revolving fund has been proposed to strengthen the APMC pledge loan scheme. This would help farmers secure loans against their produce and prevent distress sales. Farmers have urged the government to remove GST on essential agricultural inputs, including pesticides, fertilizers, drip irrigation equipment and tractor spare parts," Kurubur said. "There is concern over the sale of low-quality seeds, fertilizers and pesticides, which impact yield. Farmers want the government to implement a non-bailable, strict jail term for individuals and companies selling substandard agricultural inputs." Farmers have also requested an increase in the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme from ₹6,000 to ₹20,000 per year, providing better financial support for small and marginal farmers, he said. **ENS**

MY TAKE

Dear politicos, don't ignore footpaths; it can be a political tool

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FOR all the reasons there are to love Namma Bengaluru, there is at least one to hate it. That reason links the question of citizen's safety with the question of the efficiency of the state government and the civic agencies — lack of footpaths. Mind you, it's not just a civic issue, it can be a political one.

There has been a lot of talk about "freedom under threat" lately. But if you observe people in Bengaluru, one would be impressed by the "demonstration of freedom" by them while walking on the roads and impinging on the rights of motorists while threatening their own lives. A closer observation would reveal this "freedom" of people to walk on the roads (without any law enforcement interfering) is directly linked to the apathy and indifference of the government bodies who have failed to provide safe footpaths to them.

Look even closer, and with a political mind. Among the largest cities in the world, Bengaluru has a population of about 1.4 crore (one-tenth India's population). And it lacks footpaths. This must be looked at as a sheer violation of the rights of citizens granted under the Indian Constitution. And this violation of the rights is by the state government, and the civic agencies under it, for failing to provide footpaths to safeguard the rights of people to move freely and safely. A troubling thought is that the same could easily replay in other cities of our state.

Pedestrians are forced to walk on the roads on which Bengalurean motorists (already infamous for their indiscipline, negligence and rash ways) rule the roost. Plain logic cannot miss the threat to lives, which in innumerable cases have converted into fatalities, the victims turning into statistics in the documents of various relevant departments concerned.

This (prefer to call it "freedom"?) is a direct violation of the people's rights granted in Part III of the Indian Constitution, the "Fundamental Rights". Right up front is the threat to their right to live, guaranteed in the Fundamental Rights in Article 21 — the right to life and personal liberty. Then there is Article 19(1)(d), which guarantees the right to move freely throughout the territory of India. People walk on the roads because there is not a footpath in the city that can be defined as one. Walking on the roads, while exercising the right granted under Article 19(1)(d), is a direct threat to life, right to which is granted under Article 21 of the Constitution. All this is happening because of the state government's failure.

Strange and ironic it may seem that the state government is ruled by Congress, which has been screaming sore at the BJP-ruled Centre for threatening the values and robust democratic principles of the Indian Constitution. Why then are pedestrians in Bengaluru deprived of that very basic fundamental right to life, which properly designed footpaths can guarantee? Can't they be helped to reach their destinations on foot safely without facing the threat of being killed or maimed by vehicles on the roads on which they are forced to walk for lack of footpaths? Isn't it the obligation of the state to preserve fundamental rights of the citizens?

Citizens, on their part, need to be conscious of the fact that safe, well-designed footpaths are indispensable. They need to know how crucial they are for their own safety, to live — the right to life, from where all other rights get their relevance; without which there is nothing else. That is the importance of safe footpaths in a crowded Bengaluru....and other cities which show signs of going the Bengaluru way. They also need to remember that the next time members of the political dispensation start talking about welfare measures, ask them what they are doing about the most crucial one, the footpaths.

It may appear trivial, even comical. That is because we have conditioned ourselves to live in spaces without footpaths. We are used to it. We assume it is alright and safe to be on the roads, even fight with motorists if they as much as nudge us while we invade their domain. But we fail to realise that it is happening because successive governments — irrespective of which party with whichever ideology — have steadfastly and determinedly ignored footpaths. The chaos of people walking on roads alongside the vehicles you see in Bengaluru today is because of that. It's time for the citizens to demand! It is your right!

Yatnal camp to name candidate against Vijayendra in New Delhi

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Hoping that the BJP high command will not announce BY Vijayendra as the party's state chief unanimously, the camp led by senior BJP leader **Basanagouda Patil Yatnal** on Friday resolved to announce its own candidate for the election to the post in New Delhi.

The leaders, including Yatnal, former Davanagere MP GM Siddeshwara, former minister Ramesh Jarkiholi, and Harihara MLA BP Harish, met at former minister Kumar Bangarappa's residence, where they chalked out a strategy.

Either Yatnal or Bangarappa may be named as candidates against Vijayendra, if election is declared, sources said.

They also claimed that neutral leaders, who were miffed by the alleged unilateral decision of Vijayendra in the appointment of the district presidents, including Chikkaballapur MP Dr K Sudhakar, have also joined their camp. "The neutral leaders have written to BJP national president JP Nadda against Vijayendra and sought serious action," Yatnal said.

"We hope that the high command will not take any decision in a hurry, as the party's internal election in-charge of the state, Union minister Shivaraj Singh Chauhan, has to arrive to make an announcement. We will wait for two more days and leave for the national capital, where we'll hold deliberations with party MPs and Union ministers. We will announce our candidate there itself," informed Yatnal.

"The entire exercise was not transparent and we will reject the appointments of the district presidents. The concerned MLAs and MPs also felt insulted," he said.

Special court wants proper probe against former minister Shetty

YATHIRAJU @ Bengaluru

TAKING serious exception to the chargesheet submitted by Lokayukta police with incomplete investigation, into allegations against **C Puttaranga Shetty**, former backward classes minister in the JDS-Congress coalition government, the special Lokayukta court directed police to conduct further investigation and submit the report within three months.

The minister and contractors were allegedly involved in the seizure of Rs 25.76 lakh from Shetty's personal assistant in Vidhana Soudha in January 2019.

Judge KM Radhakrishna passed the order on Friday, while refusing to discharge SJ Mohan Kumar, Shetty's personal assistant on contract basis, from the case registered by Vidhana Soudha police under the Prevention of Corruption Act, which was later handed to the then Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB). Kumar was found with a bag containing cash in Vidhana Soudha.

A case was registered against Mohan Kumar, Anantha Shankar, Srinidhi, Nandana, Manjunatha and Krishnamurthy. As the ACB was abolished, the case was transferred to Bengaluru division of Lokayukta police. They filed a chargesheet only against Mohan Kumar and dropped five other accused, saying no evidence was forthcoming. Shetty was treated as a witness.

The chargesheet stated that Rs 25.76 lakh found on Mohan Kumar on January 3 and 4, 2019, was illegal gratification from different contractors through the five accused who were dropped from the case. It was to be paid to the minister to influence him for official favours to get grants for civil works.

The public prosecutor contended that materials placed on record before court indicate sufficient material to proceed not only against the petitioner but also those dropped from the chargesheet, and therefore, the petition has to be rejected.

Referring to statements of Nandana (A4) and Manjunatha (A5) recorded before the magistrate under Section 164 CrPC, the court said the record reveals that contractors Jyothi Prakash and Satish paid Rs 9 lakh, Raju and Umesh paid Rs 7 lakh, Yogesh Babu Rs 2 lakh, and another contractor paid Rs 3.50 lakh through these accused to Mohan Kumar. This shows that the petitioner, who had himself obtained the amount, informed that the minister expects 6 per cent commission to sanction grants, the court said.

Former advocate general Naik is Backward Classes panel chief

BENGALURU: Senior advocate and former advocate general **Madhusudan R Naik** has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes. Naik was the Advocate General from November 2015 to April 2018, during Siddaramaiah's first tenure as the Chief Minister. On Friday, the state government issued an order appointing him as the Chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for Backward Classes for a three-year term. As Advocate General, he represented the state in water and border dispute cases. Naik hails from Hanehali of Kumta taluk near Gokarna, Uttara Kannada district. He completed his BA,LLB from Mysore University, and in 2001, did a postgraduate diploma in Environmental Law from the National Law School of India University, Bengaluru. Enrolled as an advocate in 1976, he practised extensively in the Karnataka High Court and the Supreme Court. **ENS**

Law against microfinance cos within 2 days, says home minister

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HOME Minister **Dr G Parameshwara** said on Friday that the law to control harassment to people by microfinance firms is expected to be ready within two days. The new law was discussed with CM Siddaramaiah and the concerned minister.

Parameshwara said they are bringing out a comprehensive law to safeguard borrowers facing harassment. "The lenders might go to court. We discussed this and other issues to safeguard people," he added. He said there are many laws related to microfinance firms. "The CM directed us to review these laws and to form a new legislation to safeguard borrowers. We will finalise it in the next two to three days," he added.

He said the CM has directed the law and parliamentary affairs secretaries to look into the new law and they are expected to do it soon. "Unable to face harassment from microfinance companies, borrowers are committing suicide or leaving town. This has to stop. The new strong law is the solution," he said.

He said at his constituency of Tumakuru, a borrower had taken a loan of Rs 2.5 lakh, for which he had already repaid Rs 4.5 lakh. "The lender not only locked the borrower's house, but also painted on the house that the borrower still has to pay Rs 80,000, just to embarrass them. When I learnt about it, I sent the SP to the spot and a case was registered against the lender. We ensured that the wall of the house was painted and the borrower got back his home. Such cases have to be stopped," he said.

He pointed out that in Karnataka, Rs 59,000 crore has been given out by such lenders. "We are not focusing on that. We are focusing only on controlling harassment to the people. We have learnt that these microfinance companies might go to courts. Our law should be strong enough to stop them from going to court. We discussed this too in our meeting," he added.

Siddaramaiah on Friday said microfinance companies are giving out loans at exorbitant 28-30% annual interest. They are sending rowdies to recover loans given by them. These microfinance companies come under the central government and work as per RBI guidelines. We are bringing in a law to control harassment by these companies by issuing an ordinance," he said.

MINISTERS' MEETING IN PARAMESHWARA'S OFFICE CREATES BUZZ

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

A meeting of ministers, held at Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara's office at Vidhana Soudha in the presence of Valmiki community religious head Sri Prasannanandapuri Swamiji on Thursday, created a buzz in political circles. Parameshwara, PWD Minister Satish Jarkiholi, Cooperation Minister KN Rajanna and Social Welfare Minister Dr HC Mahadevappa discussed various issues, including political developments, sources said.

Parameshwara, however, on Friday clarified that he did not hold any meeting with ministers. "Yesterday, the swamiji of the Valmiki community came to my office in Vidhana Soudha to invite me to the annual fair at Rajanahalli Mutt. Rajanna and Satish Jarkiholi came to know that swamiji was in my office and they came. All of us took swamiji's blessings," he maintained.

Ministers KN Rajanna, Satish Jarkiholi and Dr HC Mahadevappa meet at Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara's office at Vidhana Soudha on Thursday

He did not mention why Mahadevappa too joined them."It was all about politics we discussed," quipped Satish with sarcasm. According to sources, Jarkiholi is planning to pull a huge crowd of ST community at the Rajanahalli mutt annual fair on February 8 and 9 in Harihara taluk of Davanagere district. This will help him send out a strong political message, to the Congress high command as well, that he is the undisputed leader of the Valmiki community. Former BJP minister B Sriramulu, who too staked claim for the position, has lost his charm as he has been defeated in elections back to back, a political analyst said. SC/ST ministers, who are miffed with the Congress party high command, especially AICC General Secretary, state in-charge, Randeep Singh Surjewala, over instruction not to hold a separate meeting of SC/ST MLAs too are likely to throw their weight behind Jarkiholi, the analyst said.

If there is a change in the chief minister's post and if the high command chooses either Parameshwara or Jarkiholi, they will be united. If Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar's name comes to the fore, they will support Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to continue in the post for some more time, a Congress leader said.

Seeking to downplay the continued criticisms levelled by Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi against the DMK government, Tamil Nadu CM MK Stalin on Friday said, "Whatever the governor does adds to the popularity of the state government. Let him continue doing it."

'SLIGHT AGAINST SANTHALS': MAJHI SLAMS GANDHIS' REMARKS

'People won't stand for such affronts to our constitutional head'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar

ODISHA Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and senior leaders of the state Bharatiya Janata Party issued strong condemnation against the remarks made by Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi on President Droupadi Murmu and sought apology from the Congress leadership.

Mohan Charan Majhi

Stating that the remarks are deeply reprehensible, the chief minister in post on social media platform 'X' said that they expose the Congress party's elitist and dismissive attitude.

"Sonia Gandhi's comment, 'Poor lady President Murmu got tired at the end,' and Rahul Gandhi's 'boring' remarks are not just insults to India's first tribal woman President but also a slight against the Santhal community, the people of Odisha, and the democratic ethos of the nation," he said.

The chief minister said President Droupadi Murmu embodies the aspirations of millions, particularly the tribal and marginalised communities and has risen to the highest constitutional office through sheer perseverance, dedication, and service. "The Congress party's repeated attempts to belittle her only reveal their ingrained arrogance and disregard for India's democratic institutions," he added.

Majhi said he strongly denounces the offensive and disrespectful remarks on behalf of the people of Odisha. "The people of India will not stand for such affronts to our constitutional head, and the Congress leadership must issue an immediate apology," he added.

Union Education minister Dharmendra Pradhan said it has exposed the feudal mentality and arrogance of the Congress. It also reflects the negative attitude of Congress and its leaders about the President who is a tribal.

Stating that Congress is always against STs and SCs, Pradhan said its leaders cannot tolerate a member of the dalit and backward community adorning the highest Constitutional post of the country. He demanded that Sonia and Rahul Gandhi should issue an apology to the President for making such derogatory remarks against her.

State BJP president Manmohan Samal announced the BJP will launch protest against the Gandhis over their remarks on President of India.

The Congress party's repeated attempts to belittle her (President) only reveal their ingrained arrogance and disregard for India's democratic institutions — Odisha CM Mohan Charan Majhi

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1914
The old Pamban bridge was commissioned in Feb 1914

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The cost of the new Pamban bridge

Empty rakes run across new Pamban railway sea bridge

RAMANATHAPURAM: In the final trial before the line becomes operational again, trains with empty rakes were run across the new Pamban bridge to the Rameswaram station on Friday. Following the trial runs, the centre lift spans of both the old and new railway sea-bridges were raised for Indian Coast Guard ships and fishing boats to cross beneath them. Senior Railway officials said services across the new Pamban bridge are likely to be resumed soon. Train services across the old Pamban bridge were stopped in December 2022 after sensors on the structure issued a red alert. For the first time in two years, on Friday, a diesel loco with complete, albeit empty, passenger rakes was operated to Rameswaram on the new Pamban bridge. The first trial was conducted in the early hours of the day with empty rakes of the Kanniyakumari- Rameswaram SF Express. The second trial was conducted mid-day with the empty rakes of the Chennai-Rameswaram Express. The construction of the new railway sea bridge at Pamban began in 2019 at a cost of `535 crore. **ENS**

KMF assn defers protest, gives govt a week's time

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
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THE members of the Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) Officer's Association on Friday assured that supply and procurement of milk and other dairy products will continue unhindered for another week. They said, "In wake of the need of consumers, the protest has been postponed."

Association president Govindegowda said that they have temporarily postponed the protest as the State Government has sought for a week's time to address their demands. "We have given the government and the KMF administration time till February 7 to look into the demands. Until then if it is not done, then we will decide the next course of action of going on strike. We are going to have another association meeting on February 10," he said.

The association members had earlier submitted a memorandum to the KMF administration and to the State Government on January 23, giving them time till January 31 to meet their demands. "We are now giving them a second chance," Govindegowda said.

The association has demanded that the State Government at the earliest clear their pending dues under the 7th Pay Commission. They said that the government had agreed to a 25% hike as per the Pay Commission. So far, 17% was cleared and 7% is pending. This amounts to Rs 3 crore a month, pending to the 7,000 employees across the state.

Time to show Congress power of Telangana: KCR

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Hyderabad

A year after losing power, former Telangana Chief Minister and BRS supremo K Chandrashekar Rao on Friday came out all guns blazing, setting off tremors in political circles with his stinging criticism of the Congress government in the state. In a fiery address at Erravalli of Siddipet district - his last speech before Dasara was critical of the ruling party, but not as stinging as the one on Friday - KCR launched a no-holds-barred attack on the Congress government while encouraging the BRS leadership and cadre to prepare for a battle against the Ruling party.

"Till now, I have been observing silently, but it is time to show the Congress the power of Telangana," KCR told party workers from the Zaheerabad Assembly constituency.

"When I strike, I do so with force, as is my nature. We will show the strength of Telangana to the Congress," he continued, claiming that dissatisfaction with the Congress government has grown and that the state was facing financial difficulties. "The Congress government has mismanaged finances. Telangana's revenue has declined by ₹13,000 crore this year, according to the CAG report," the former chief minister charged. He stated that during his tenure, he ensured an annual revenue growth of ₹10,000 crore. "I have seen many governments, but never one like this," KCR thundered. He claimed that public dissatisfaction with the Congress government had grown so much that people were ready to confront Congress leaders.

When I strike, I do so with force, as is my nature. We will show the strength of Telangana to the Congress
K Chandrashekar Rao, ex-TG CM

He recalled that Congress had conducted a social media poll on the type of government people wanted and claimed that the public was eager for a change. The former chief minister criticised the state of government residential schools, alleging that students were being served substandard food. He recalled that he had appealed to voters not to trust the grand old party and said, "Their greed led them to support the Congress."

KCR pointed out that he had predicted schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Dalit Bandhu would be neglected under Congress rule and said his prediction had come true. He also accused the Congress of exploiting the Muslim community for votes.

Former Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao addresses BRS workers at Erravelli, Siddipet district, Telangana, on Friday | EXPRESS

Centre seeks report from TN; NGT impleads AP

V KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

AMID the daily increase in the death toll of Olive Ridley turtles during the ongoing nesting season, the union government has sought a report from Tamil Nadu. Meanwhile, the southern bench of the National Green Tribunal (NGT), which had taken suo motu cognisance of the matter, impleaded Andhra Pradesh in the case on Friday, considering over 3,000 Olive Ridleys reportedly died and beached in the last month along the state's coast.

The tribunal expressed displeasure over the reports submitted by TN forest and fisheries departments, saying there was no mention of punitive action taken against erring trawlers, who are blamed for the deaths. The bench, comprising judicial member Pushpa Sathyanaranan and expert member K Satyagopal, posted the matter to February 7, seeking a detailed action taken report and day-wise turtle mortality from AP and TN fisheries departments. It also sought compliance details on the use of mandatory Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) in trawl nets.

K Mohammed Koya, Fisheries Development Commissioner, Department of Fisheries in Government of India, told TNIE that the reasons for the high number of Olive Ridley turtle deaths in Chennai were being evaluated. "We are yet to get the report from the TN fisheries department. Meanwhile, it has been decided to make the use of TEDs mandatory for all trawlers in the country. States like Orissa and Tamil Nadu have already made it mandatory but enforcement has been poor," he said. *TNIE* has learned that turtle deaths were discussed during a high-level fisheries ministry meeting this week.

Carcasses of Olive Ridley turtles washed ashore in Visakhapatnam | G SATYANARAYANA

Koya said an indigenous TED, which meets the US standards, has been designed and field-tested by Marine Products Exports Development Authority and Central Institute of Fisheries Technology. "It will be rolled out in the market soon. The ministry is also contemplating the provision of subsidies for fishermen to procure TEDs in consultation with the states," he said.

The report submitted by the principal secretary of TN fisheries department said that due to the non-availability of TEDs and unproven efficacy of TEDs in trophic multispecies trawl fishing in Indian waters, it is not feasible to enforce until a standard design of TED is finalised and approved. However, this contradicts the government orders passed in 2015-2016, which said that trawl nets cannot be used without TEDs. "Even if one is to accept the statement made by the department, the trial and error could have been completed when the GOs were issued in the years 2015 and 2016," the bench noted.

Survey: Telangana first in own tax revenue, K'taka, Haryana second

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TELANGANA topped the country in own tax revenue (OTR), according to the Economic Survey 2024-25 tabled in Parliament on Friday. The survey also highlighted WE Hub, a state government initiative. "For 15 states, the OTR accounted for more than half of their total tax receipts, the highest being Telangana at 88%, followed by Karnataka and Haryana at 86% each," the survey said.

The overall tax revenue position of the state governments appears better as of November 2024, due to the increased tax devolution by the Union government, the report said. The survey also mentioned the Telangana government's initiatives, such as the MSME policy and others. Telangana was among eight states that achieved 100% coverage in piped drinking water supply under the Jal Jeevan Mission, it said.

"Currently, India is the second-largest cement producer in the world after China. The Indian cement industry comprises 159 integrated large plants, 128 grinding units, five clinkerisation units and 62 mini plants. The current annual installed capacity of the cement industry stands at around 639 million tonnes (MT). In FY24, the production is expected to reach approximately 427 MT. Most of the cement plants in India are located in proximity to the raw material source. About 87% of the cement industry is concentrated in the states of Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, UP, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Meghalaya and West Bengal. The industry has adequate capacity to meet the domestic demand. Domestic cement consumption stands at around 290 kg per capita," the survey said. Telangana, along with Karnataka, Maharashtra, Haryana and Tamil Nadu, has more than one-third of their services GSVA coming from real estate, ownership of dwelling and professional services, it said.

Migrant worker chopped into pieces, disposed of in bags

ENS @Kalpetta

A migrant worker was hacked to death in Vellamunda on Friday evening and his body was disposed of in bags. The body was chopped into pieces, carried in two bags and thrown in two places.

An autorickshaw driver who became suspicious after seeing this informed the police. The deceased is Mukhib, 25, from Uttar Pradesh. The accused is another Uttar Pradesh native Mohammed Arif, 38. Initial information is that Arif committed the crime following the suspicion that Mukhib was having an affair with his wife.

It is reported that Mukhib was killed at a place called Vellinady. Then the body was cut into pieces and brought to Vellamunda in two bags by Mohammed Arif. The autorickshaw driver who became suspicious after seeing him throwing the bags down from the top of the Moolithode bridge stopped Arif. He then informed the police.One bag was recovered from a nearby banana plantation and the other from the river bank.

EXPRESS READ

Asian Development Bank approves ₹2,000cr loan for development of K'taka Public Schools

SHIVAMOGGA: Karnataka School Education and District Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a loan of Rs 2,000 crore for the development of Karnataka Public Schools (KPS). In addition to that, the State Government will allocate Rs 500 crore for the development of these schools. The minister told reporters on Friday that the ADB has, for the first time, sanctioned a loan to the state's education department

Attavar booked on charges of 'black magic', 'animal sacrifice' in favour of Snehamayi

MANGALURU: Mangaluru City Police have booked Rama Sena leader Prasad Attavar under Karnataka Prevention and Eradication of Inhuman Evil Practices and Black Magic Act, 2017 after videos of animal sacrifice and black magic were allegedly found on his phone. He is accused of allegedly performing black magic seeking strength to Snehamayi Krishna, a complainant in the MUDA case. Mangaluru City Police Commissioner Anupam Agrawal said that they arrested Attavar in the case of vandalising a massage parlour a few days ago

20-year-old kills mom for not letting him play games online

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Visakhapatnam

A 20-year-old boy allegedly murdered his mother as she restrained him from playing games online. The incident took place at Coast Guard residential quarters under Malkapuram police station limits in Visakhapatnam on Thursday.

The accused, identified as Anmol Singh (20), is a third-year engineering student. The deceased, Alka Singh (47), was the wife of Balbir Singh, an employee of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). According to police, Anmol had been suffering from bipolar disorder, a mental illness that causes clear shifts in a person's mood, energy, activity levels and concentration.

Alka and Anmol got into a heated argument when she confiscated his mobile and laptop. In a fit of rage, Anmol grabbed a knife and attacked his mother, resulting in her death. The accused then locked the door and fled the scene.

The incident came to light when Alka's younger son, Ayushman, found her body after returning from college. He alerted the neighbours and Malkapuram police.

The police found a knife in a bag in the house and subsequently arrested Anmol. The body was sent to a hospital for post-mortem. A case was registered and investigation is underway.

No money for funeral, two girls stay with mom's body for 7 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERCICE
@Hyderabad

IN a heart-wrenching incident, two young women lived with their deceased mother's body for at least seven days as they lacked the money to perform her last rites.

Police found the deceased, identified as 45-year-old Cheemala Lalitha, in a decomposed state inside her house in Warasiguda. Warasiguda Station House Officer (SHO) R Saidulu told *TNIE* that Lalitha's daughters—Cheemala Ashwini (25) and Cheemala Ravali (22)—stated that their mother had passed away in her sleep on the night of January 23. The daughters had tried to wake her up but realised she had died.

Seeking help, the sisters initially approached a local MLA. They were then advised to go to the police and approached the Chilakaluguda police station. Upon receiving the information, Chilakaluguda police alerted Warasiguda police, under whose jurisdiction the area falls. Lalitha's husband abandoned the family in 2020, leaving her to care for their daughters alone, police said. Following the incident, the police visited the house, conducted an inquiry and shifted the body for a post-mortem examination.

Officials said the daughters, overwhelmed by their mother's death and the financial constraints, slipped into depression and were unable to proceed with the last rites. Lalitha's brother, who resides in Amberpet, has been informed.

PAFRE calls for withdrawal of UGC's new draft regulations

BENGALURU: The People's Alliance for Fundamental Right to Education (PAFRE) called for the immediate withdrawal of the UGC new draft regulations, warning that they threaten India's federal system and education system. The draft introduces new rules for minimum qualifications for teachers and academic staff, as well as measures to maintain the quality of higher education. PAFRE says that the regulations will undermine State Govts' authority over universities and colleges.

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DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,

Borrower : 1. Mr. Raghavendra Prasad R S/o Late Mr. Ramachandra.K
Residing At : No.44, Behind 5th B T S Bus Depot Near Shani Mahatma Temple, Giri Nilaya, Vijayanagar, Bengaluru- Pin 560040.
Also residing at: Flat No 102, Ground Floor,Samptrupthi Enclave Apartment, Padma Upadyaya Layout, Muthuraya Nagar, Nagadevanahalli, Kengeri Bangalore -560056.

That you, **Mr.Raghavendra Prasad R S/o Late Mr. Ramachandra. K** ,(hereinafter Referred To As "the Borrower")Has Availed Credit Facility against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our **Benson Town Branch**

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **22.01.2025.** The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Ack. Due on **23.01.2025** was not acknowledged by you.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 40,78,632.38 (Rupees Forty Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Two and Paisa Thirty Eight Only),** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan	Liability with interest as on date 23.01.2025	RATE OF INTEREST (Inclusive of penal interest)
1.	0429619004065	Housing Finance	**Rs. 40,78,632.38**	13.61%

Details of Security Assets : Immovable : Schedule A Property : All that piece and parcel of converted property/sites bearing Nos.195,196, 223,&224, bearing BBMP KHATA Sl.No.2561 presently bearing property No.2047/4/31/32/1/35/224/223/195/196.Situated at Padma Upadhyaya Layout,Nagadevanahalli Village Kengeri Hobli,Bangalore South Taluk, formed in Sy. Nos. 31, 32/1 and 35, duly converted into non-agricultural land as per the conversion certificate No. ALN.SR.2017/1970-71 of Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, Dt: 31.12.1973, measuring East to West: 70'-0" ft. and North to South: 120'-0" ft, totally measuring 8400 sq.ft, presently coming under the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, vide amalgamated Katha No. 2561/2047/4/31, 32/1, 35/224, 223, 195 & 196, and bounded on:-
East By: Road, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Site No. 197 & Site No. 222 And **South By:** Site No. 194 & Site No. 225.
Schedule B Property: 234 Sq/Ft of undivided share(UDS) right,title and interest in the Schedule A property hereby conveyed by vendors to purchaser.
Schedule C Property : Flat No. 102, (Ground Floor), of the building known as "SAMTRUPTI ENCLAVE" constructed on the schedule "A" property having a super builtup area measuring 995 Sq. Ft, having RCC roofing, vitrified Tiles and floors, Sal wood Doors & Aluminium windows and separate Electricity connections, common water and sanitation, including common area rights with one covered Car parking slot in stilt floor and including all rights, privileges, appurtenances thereto and is bounded on to the: **East by :** Flat No.101 , **West by:** Flat No 103 ,**North by:** Passage and Flat No 106 And **South by:** Setback.
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Place : Bangalore
Date : 31.01.2025
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DN GARHI, DISTT BANSWARA (RAJ).

No:- 1313 Dated:- 21-01-2025

Notice Inviting Bid No. 07/2024-25
NIB:- PWD2425A3872

Bids for Permanent Restoration Work of Flood Damaged are invited from interested bidders upto **05.02.2025, 06:00 P.M.** Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**"http://www.eproc.rajasthan.gov.in and http://www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state, The approximate value of procurement is **Rs.272.00 Lacs.**

UBN:- **PWD2425WS0B13992**

Sd/-
Mahendra Kumar Meena
Executive Engineer
PWD Dn.Garhi

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Both are at :NO. 239, MARISIDHAIAHNA PALYA T B CROSS, KODAGI THIRUMALAPURA, HESARAGHATTA LAKE,BANGALORE- 560089.

That you, **Mr. Nagaraju T N, and Mrs. Mahalakshmi D N (BORROWER AND CO-BORROWER)** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower"), availed Credit Facility against which there are outstanding liabilities as mentioned below. We had called upon you to clear the entire liabilities for the loans borrowed from our **Nandi Durga Road Branch.**

You have committed default in repayment of loans as mentioned below and the loans were classified as Non Performing Assets on **28.12.2024** The Bank through this notice brings to your attention that you have failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in hereunder to the Bank **within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice.** The notice under Sec.13(2) of the Act sent to you by Post. Ack. Due on **22.01.2025** was not acknowledged by you.

Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the bank in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the Bank the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 29,05,447.10/- (Rupees Twenty Nine Lacs Five Thousand Four Hundred forty Seven and Paisa Ten Only)** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, The Bank will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13. You are hereby restrained from dealing with any of the secured assets detailed below in terms of Section 13(13).

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SL NO	Loan No	Nature of Loan/ Limit	Liability with interest as on date 21.01.2025	RATE OF INTEREST (Inclusive of penal interest)
1.	0793630000001	HOUSING LOAN	**Rs. 29,05,447.10**	11.46%

Details of Security Assets : 1. All that piece and parcel of the property bearing House No. 93, V P Khatha No. 317/93, PID No. 150200202700200560 situated at Kodagi Thirumalapura, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and now property under the revenue limits of Hurulichikkanahalli and sital area measuring about East to West 32 feet or 9.7536 mtrs and North to South 18 feet or 5.48640 mtrs and totally measuring about 576 sq feet or 53.512 sq mtrs and bounded on the:: **East By :** Remaining land,**West By:** Government road, **North By:** Property belongs to Narasappa and **South By:** Road and property belongs to Narasimhamurthy. **Name of Title Holder : Mr. Nagaraju T N.**

Place : Bangalore
Date : 31.01.2025
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

IN THE COURT OF THE LX ADDL. CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE (CCH-61) AT BENGALURU
O.S. No. 3825/2023

Between :
M/s ICICI Bank Limited.
Having Its Registered Office At: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007. Having Its Head Office At
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.,
No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, M.G. Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore-560025. And Branch Office At: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068 Rep By Its Authorised Representative
Mr. Rohith Ali ...Plaintiff

AND

Bernard Dawa Tshering Bhutia S/o Sonam Tshering Bhutia, Aged About 42 Years, Residing At Charis Cottage, 10.5th Mile, Above Raja Dhara, Kalimpong-1, Kalimpong, Darjeeling, West Bengal-734301
Also At:
Flat No. 307, Pacific Building, IAS Layout, East Township, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore-560035
Also At:
Team Lease Digital Pvt. Ltd. 6th Floor, BMTC Commercial Complex, 80 Feet Road, Koramangala, Bangalore-560095
...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Bernard Dawa Tshering Bhutia S/o Sonam Tshering Bhutia, Aged about 42 years, Flat No. 307, Pacific Building, IAS Layout, East Township, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore-560035

WHEREAS the Plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of Money for of Rs. 7,99,379/- (Rupees Seven Lakhs Ninety-Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Seventy-Nine Only) along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. form the date of the suit till the date of realization against you , and are summoned to appear before The LX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge (C.C.H.61) in person or by a pleader, on the 17th day of March, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court on this 8th day of Jan, 2025 at Bangalore.

By Order of the Court
Assistant Registrar

Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
ATV Legal, Advocates, Trade Center, 24/4, 1st Floor, Race Course Road, Bengaluru-560001

GREATER BENGALURU DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BMRDA Office Building, No.1, Ali Askar Road, Bengaluru-560052. Phone No:080-22263479

No:GBDA/E-PROCUREMENT/02/2024-25 Date:31.01.2025

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Greater Bengaluru Development Authority, intends to hire different positions on contract basis in the Greater Bengaluru Development Authority, Ramanagara for the below mentioned positions:

Sl. No.	Name of the Post	No. of Posts	Qualification & Experience
1	**GIS Analyst**	01	• Should have a Masters in remote sensing/GIS or equivalent • Should have minimum 3 years experience in working as a GIS expert in Township projects. • Should have experience in data interpretation, collation and preparation of Base maps for an assignment of similar scale.
2	**Urban Planner**	01	• Should be a Postgraduate in Urban Planning or equivalent degree. • Should have minimum 3 years Professional Experience • Relevant experience in master planning of integrated industrial townships, large campuses involving an economic component and mixed housing development. • Fully conversant with the local bylaws and regional-level planning norms. • Experience in preparation of city-level/township level Development Plans/Master Plans with fair knowledge of infrastructure and utilities.
3	**Urban Planner**	01	• Should be a Postgraduate in Urban Planning or equivalent degree. • Should have minimum 2 years Professional Experience • Relevant experience in master planning of integrated industrial townships, large campuses involving an economic component and mixed housing development. • Fully conversant with the local bylaws and regional-level planning norms. • Experience in preparation of city-level/township level Development Plans/Master Plans with fair knowledge of infrastructure and utilities.
4	**Account Assistant**	01	• B.com/BBA or M.com/MBA in Account/Finance. • Should have minimum 01 year Professional Experience.

Application format can be downloaded from the BMRDA website. Candidates desirous of expressing their interest for above mentioned positions shall submit hard copy of their filled applications by Registered post/Speed post only, along with all certificates and documents in the prescribed format to reach **The Commissioner, Greater Bengaluru Development Authority, BMRDA Office Building, No.1, Ali Askar Road, Bengaluru-560052 by Date:15.02.2025 Timings: 5.00 p.m (Note:** No other mode of application is accepted)

1. All appointments are purely temporary. 2.GBDA has the power to terminate at any time without assigning any reasons. 3. Interested candidates applying for the any posts are considered as agreed to the above conditions.

Sd/-
Commissioner
Greater Bengaluru Development Authority

DIPR/CP/4713/MAA/2024-25

SBI
STATE BANK OF INDIA, RASMEC Hosur
Sri Vaari Building, Plot No.2, SIPCOT Industrial Estate, Phase-I, Zuzuvadi, (Opp. Ashok Leyland), Hosur-635 126
Phone: 04344-277714, Email: sbi.61275@sbi.co.in

Publication of Notice regarding possession of property u/s 13(4) of SARFAESI Act 2002

Notice is hereby given under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, a demand notice was issued on the dates mentioned against each account and stated hereinafter calling upon them to repay the amount within 60 days from the date of receipt of said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of power conferred on him/her under section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 9 of the said Act on the dates mentioned against each account.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the STATE BANK OF INDIA for an amount and interest thereon.

Name of Borrower & Address	Name of owner of the property	Description of the property mortgaged / charged	Date of demand Notice	Date of Possession	Amount outstanding
Smt K Jayapradha & Shri.M.Sreenivasulu Reddy No.16, ITI Notified Area Committee Mannam Nagar,SaiBabaTempleRoad, Sonnathammanahalli, K R Puram, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore -560036.	**Smt K Jayapradha & Shri.M.Sreenivasulu Reddy** No.16, ITI Notified Area Committee Mannam Nagar,SaiBabaTempleRoad, Sonnathammanahalli, K R Puram, Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore -560036	All that piece and parcel of the property bearing New Site No. 16, ITI Notified Area Committee Khatha No.73/1/23, situated at sonnathammanahalli @ Thambuchetty Palya, K R Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore south Taluk, now Bangalore East taluk, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West: 65 feet, North to South:30 feet, totally measuring 1950 sq.ft and bounded on the : East by : Remaining Land in the same khatha and doddapujappa & Family Land, West by : 25 feet wide road, North by : Site No 15, South by : Site No 17	26-07-2024	28-01-2025	**Rs.1,49,68,113/- (Rupees One Crore Forty Nine Lakh Sixty Eight Thousand One Hundred and Thirteen Only) as on 28.01.2025 and further interest from 29.01.2025 costs, etc., thereon.**

Date : 28.01.2025
Place: Hosur

Authorised Officer
State Bank of India
RASMEC Hosur.

HDFC BANK
HDFC BANK LIMITED
Regd Office: HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013
Branch Office: HDFC Bank Ltd, HDFC House, No.51, Kasturba Road, Bengaluru-560 001
Tel:-080-41183000, CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas the Authorised Officer of HDFC Bank Limited (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with **HDFC Bank Limited** by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) (HDFC), under the Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ("said Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the following borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s) to pay the amounts mentioned against their respective names together with interest thereon at the applicable rates as mentioned in the said notices, within 60 days from the date of the said Notice/s, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc till the date of payment and / or realization.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) and Legal Representative(s)	Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Date of Possession	Description of The Property
1	**1) Mrs. V Pallavi T** Wife of **Mr. R H Dharma Rao (Borrower)** [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. R H Dharma Rao (Borrower) [since deceased], **2) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s) of Mr. R H Dharma Rao (Borrower)** [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. R H Dharma Rao, and **3) Mrs. V Pallavi T (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c Nos: (1) 656262488 Rs. 45,06,273/- (2) 657308668 Rs. 2,72,171/- (3) 658534143 Rs. 8,61,596/- Total Amount: Rs.56,40,040/- [Rupees Fifty Six Lakhs Forty Thousand & Forty Only] as on 30.09.2024**	04.11.2024	31.01.2025 Symbolic	**Schedule- A** : All that part and parcel of vacant Site bearing **No. 19, BBMP Khatha No.65/19, PID No.003-W0479-16,** situated in the layout formed by Kamataka Housing Board at Yelahanka, Bangalore, measuring East to West 309+311/2 ft. and North to South 161 + 160/2 ft. in all measuring **49,755 sq.ft.** and bounded on: **East by** : Site No.13, **West by:** Road, **North by :** Site No.18, **South by :** Site No.20 **Schedule-B : 0.71%** undivided share, right and interest in the land comprised in Schedule "A" Property. **Schedule-C :** All that part and parcel of residential **2 BHK** apartment bearing **No. A-404** on the **Fourth Floor** measuring saleable carpet area of **887.70 sq.ft.** [Plinth area of **982.28 sq.ft** and super built up area of **1178 Sq.ft.** (109.54 Sq.Mtrs.)] in the apartment building known as **"INLAND EDILON"** constructed on Schedule 'A' Property. The Flooring is vitrified tiles. **One car park space No.98,** has been allotted to the above mentioned Apartment in the Basement floor of the Inland Edilon Building.
2	**Mr. Vijay Kumar D (Borrower) Mrs. Yamuna B P (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan A/c Nos. (1) 626190627 Rs.19,40,114/- (2) 626871761 Rs. 47,419/- Totally Amount : Rs.19,87,533/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Eighty SevenThousand Five Hundred and Thirty Three Only) as on 30.09.2024**	04.11.2024	31.01.2025 Physical	All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing **Site No.49,** Katha No.51, formed in Sy.No.64/2 (vide conversation order No.B.DIS.ALN (S) SR (KT) 137/2004-2005, dated 18.11.2004) measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, total measuring **1200 Square feet,** situated at Hemmigepura Village, Ward No.198, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.38, **North by :** Site No.48, **South by :** Site No.50.
3	**Mr. Vijay Kumar D (Borrower) Mrs. Yamuna B P (Co-Borrower)**	**Loan Ac No. 627557746 Rs.52,31,931/- (Rupees Fifty Two Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty One Only) as on 30.09.2024**	04.11.2024	31.01.2025 Symbolic	All that piece and parcel of residential apartment bearing **No.322 in "A Block"** and situated in 3rd Floor, of the building known as **"VAASTU GREENS"**, having a super built up area of **1600 Sq. Feet** along with **one covered car parking area** in the basement floor with proportionate share of **514 sq. feet** of undivided share, right title and interest in the land on which the building is constructed situated on land bearing Survey No.79/1, new BBMP katha No. 79/1 measuring 78,231.5 Sq.Ft, situate at Kengeri Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk coming with the revenue and administrative jurisdiction of BBMP Kengeri Sub Division, Ward No 198, Hemmigepura, Bangalore.

*with further interest as applicable, incidental expenses, costs, charges etc incurred till the date of payment and / or realization.

However, since the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove have failed to repay the amounts due, notice is hereby given to the borrower/s mentioned hereinabove in particular and to the public in general that the Authorised Officer/s of HDFC have taken possession of the immovable property (ies) / secured asset(s) described herein above in exercise of powers conferred on him/them under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on the dates mentioned above.

The borrower(s) mentioned hereinabove in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the aforesaid Immovable Property(ies) / Secured Asset(s) and any dealings with the said Immovable Property (ies) / Secured Asset(s) will be subject to the mortgage of HDFC.

Borrower(s) attention is/are invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Copies of the Panchanama drawn and Inventory made are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower requested to collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

Date : 01.02.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorised Officer
HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

Muthoottu Mini Financiers
Registered Office: 65/623-K, Muthoottu Royal Towers, Kaloor, Kochi, Kerala - 682017

CIN: U65910KL1998PLC012154 GSTIN: 29AABCM5994M1ZN

GOLD AUCTION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given for the information of all concerned, borrowers in specific, who had pledged their ornaments vide Gold loan numbers in the branches which is given below.
The auction is for the gold ornaments of defaulted customers who had failed to redeem their overdue accounts after repeated reminders and being notified by registered letters. The auction will be conducted at the respective branches on 27.02.2025 from 10 AM. In case branch auction is unsuccessful on the notified date, the same will be conducted via public auction/e-auction at the respective District auction centers on the following dates, in the presence of approved auctioneers, for recovering the outstanding amount. In any case auction process is not completed as per this schedule, it will be continued on any subsequent date on the same terms and conditions without any further notice. Any change in auction date will be displayed at the respective branches/Auction centers.

BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD NO 1/1,1ST FLOOR,JC CIRCLE,KR ROAD,HOSAKOTE,BANGALORE RURAL- 562114 **AUCTION DATE: 10.03.2025**
KAR-HOSAKOTE: 706208402, 706208617, 706208738, 706208760, 706209241, 706209265, 706209283, 706209331, 706209375, 706209393, 706209481, 706209551, 706209557, 706209568, 706209621, 706209783, 706209792, 706209852, 706209894, 706209903, 706209904, 706210040, 706210058, 706210120, 706210153, 706210184, 706210185, 706210193, 706210194, 706210210, 706210290, 706210291, 706210516, 706210574, 706210593, 706210657, 706210672, 706210746, 706210751, 706210764, 706210768, 706210907, 706211018, 706211104, 706211246, 706211473, 706211500. **KAR-NELAMANGALA:** 356, 653, 728, 740, 744, 763, 843.

BANGALORE URBAN DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS #8/14 SM ROAD NEAR AYYAPPA TEMPLE JALAHALLI WEST BANGALORE 560015 **AUCTION DATE: 10.03.2025**
KAR-A D HALLI: 11680, 11831. **KAR-ANJANANAGAR:** 12958, 13129, 13167, 13189, 13263, 13352, 13359, 13364, 13370, 13371, 13386, 13482, 13485, 13541, 13718, 13753. **KAR-ATHEBELE:** 7623, 7770, 7859, 7873. **KAR-BASAVESHWARNAGAR:** 12409, 12460, 706207070, 706207117, 706207351, 706207364, 706207674, 706207687, 706207697, 706207714. **KAR-BOMMANAHALLI:** 18485, 18677, 18965, 19082, 19349, 19350, 19351, 19358, 19423, 19544, 19545, 19579, 19690, 19748, 19853. **KAR-BTM LAYOUT:** 11382, 11522, 11613, 11631, 11635, 11664, 11744, 11776, 11934. **KAR-CHANDAPURA:** 10367, 10473, 10545, 10548, 11045, 11202. **KAR-DODDA BANASAWADI:** 63629283, 63629333, 63629371, 63629534, 63629563, 63629638, 63630050. **KAR-DODDA BOMMASANDRA:** 14286, 14450, 14516, 14553, 14680, 14682, 14683, 14729, 14755, 14757. **KAR-GANDHI BAZAAR:** 2421, 2430, 2666, 2668, 2670, 2685, 2686, 2687, 2716, 2823, 2855, 2856, 2859, 2860. **KAR-GIRINAGAR:** 29752, 29957, 29980, 30026, 30080, 30083, 30092, 30163, 30304, 30319. **KAR-HEBBAGODI:** 25775, 26173, 26375, 26438, 26474, 26578, 26611, 26629, 26630, 26639, 26672, 26717, 26755, 26824, 26978. **KAR-HEBBAL BANGALORE:** 11596, 11707, 11725, 11764, 11970, 11988. **KAR-HENNUR:** 706306701, 706306756, 706306775, 706306799, 706307058, 706307074, 706307160, 706307299, 706307300, 706307307, 706307311, 706307321, 706307326, 706307399, 706307449, 706307467, 706307470, 706307493, 706307615, 706307714, 706307723, 706307743. **KAR-HOSA ROAD:** 30700, 30909, 31001, 31025, 31106, 31107, 31166, 31192, 31380, 31429, 31469, 31476, 31482, 31617, 31709, 31719, 31795, 31817, 31855, 31890, 31926, 31955, 31966, 31986, 31987, 32053, 32062, 32107, 32121, 32211, 32311, 32326, 32337, 32375, 32518, 32585, 32687, 32776, 32819, 32887, 33157, 33202, 33292. **KAR-HOSAGUDDADAHALLI:** 1479, 1757, 1815, 1831, 1846, 2021. **KAR-HSR LAYOUT:** 27199, 27870, 28050, 28071, 28078, 28101, 28523, 28583, 28615, 28619, 28705, 28803, 28942, 29140, 29143, 29162, 29170, 29266, 29350, 29384, 29512, 29563, 29564, 29572, 29619, 29620, 29644, 29890, 29912, 29982, 707506971. **KAR-INFANTRY ROAD:** 7680, 7753, 7792, 8492. **KAR-JALAHALLI:** 23876, 23910, 23959, 24021, 24080, 24085, 24112, 24310. **KAR-JAYANAGAR:** 10964, 10979, 10997, 11125, 11145, 11167, 11232, 11235, 11248, 11294, 11366, 11382, 11528, 11675. **KAR-JP NAGAR:** 20430, 20846, 20892, 20897, 21122, 21147, 21186. **KAR-JP NAGAR-2:** 816, 948, 999, 1009, 1021, 1043, 1047, 1051, 1071, 1097, 1146, 1150, 1152, 1173, 1226, 1258, 1281. **KAR-K.R PURAM:** 78706466, 78706539, 78706565, 78706579, 78706640, 78706686, 78706709, 78706713, 78706718, 78706742, 78706750, 78706770, 78706774, 78706783, 78706893, 78706919, 78706958, 78706962, 78707025, 78707109, 78707110, 78707207, 78707313, 88227531, 88227532, 88227534, 88227536, 88227539, 88227580, 88227628. **KAR-KAMMANAHALLI:** 32861, 32862, 32871, 32904, 33006, 33044, 33255, 33267, 33331. **KAR-KENGERI:** 10180, 10190, 10293, 10297, 10371, 10384, 10446, 10501, 10847, 10917, 10980. **KAR-KORAMANGALA:** 6054, 6403, 6410, 6415, 6416, 6417, 6529, 19792, 19801. **KAR-KOTHANNUR:** 512612442, 512612443, 512612591, 512612810, 512612850, 512612900, 512613008, 512613058, 512613093, 512613123, 512613135, 512613183, 512613285, 512613299, 512613300, 512613305, 512613340, 512613341, 512613349, 512613352, 512613364, 512613367, 512613369, 512613373, 512613377, 512613396, 512613399, 512613464, 512613479, 512613506, 512613514, 512613594, 512613654, 512613724, 512613746, 512614356, 512614412, 512614437. **KAR-KUMBALGODU:** 17971, 17990, 18370, 18401, 18541, 18568, 18614, 18703, 18742, 18774, 18778, 18824, 18877, 18925, 19055, 19099, 19271, 19406, 19491, 19531, 19587, 19665, 19718. **KAR-LALBAGH:** 15661, 15791, 15886. **KAR-LINGARAJAPURAM:** 7528, 7611. **KAR-M.S.PALYA:** 30006876, 30007187, 30007191, 30007282, 30007291, 30007419, 30007442, 30007512, 30007537, 30007612, 30007654. **KAR-MADIVALA:** 14797. **KAR-MALLESHWARAM:** 9936, 10002, 10058, 10322, 10481. **KAR-MANJUNATHA NAGAR:** 20925, 20960, 20970, 21089, 21149, 21150, 21284, 21538, 21576, 21861, 22216. **KAR-MARATHAHALLI:** 98613005, 98613232, 98613318, 98613328, 98613329, 98613330, 98613333, 98613358, 98613359, 98613364, 98613375, 98613423. **KAR-MARUTHISEVA NAGAR:** 11004, 11006, 11672, 11759, 12025, 12027, 12052, 12126. **KAR-MATHIKERE:** 10012024, 512611691, 512611728, 512611826, 512611909, 512611934, 512611935, 512611936, 512611937, 512611938, 512611999, 512612000, 512612001, 512612002, 512612003, 512612004, 512612005, 512612006, 512612062, 512612080, 512612103, 512612106, 512612151, 512612194, 512612243, 512612267, 512612277, 512612431, 512612479, 512612499, 512612548, 512612659. **KAR-MOODALAPALYA:** 10832, 11039, 11217. **KAR-MUTHANALLUR:** 9907, 9930, 9978, 9982, 10240, 10241, 10265, 10283, 10419, 10426, 10472, 10505, 10535, 10555, 10556, 10907, 10929, 10930, 10943, 11078. **KAR-NAGARABHAVI:** 12259, 12311, 12312, 12319, 12363, 12415. **KAR-PEENYA:** 1082534, 1082596, 1082606, 1082683, 1082831, 1082939, 1083172, 1083175, 1083176, 1083315, 1083334, 1083553, 1083570, 1083653, 1083745. **KAR-RAJAJINAGAR:** 12277, 12303, 12408, 12451, 12456, 12509, 12517. **KAR-RAJARAJESHWARI:** 2532, 2579, 2696, 2778, 2954, 2958. **KAR-RAMAMURTHY NAGAR:** 16745, 16763, 16978, 16985, 17113, 17230, 17321, 17358, 17361, 17478, 17479, 17530, 17531, 17591. **KAR-RT NAGAR:** 19093, 19203, 19205, 19207, 19634, 19659, 19668, 19739, 19750, 19773, 19799, 19800, 19831, 19832, 19839, 19859, 19860, 19893, 19923, 19950, 19966, 19971, 19984, 20076, 20124, 20147, 20165, 20178, 20179, 20208, 20298, 20401, 55202147, 55202198, 55202244. **KAR-SANJAY NAGAR:** 9979, 10006, 10069, 10075, 10077, 10085, 10098, 10290, 10424, 10432, 10500, 10501, 10595, 10641, 10671, 10855, 10909. **KAR-SARJAPUR ROAD:** 16616, 16659, 16691, 16699, 16714, 16778, 16786, 16807, 16845, 16857, 16860, 16871, 16872, 16873, 16895, 16896, 16919, 16923, 16924, 16949, 16958, 16965, 16982, 17020, 17035, 17036, 17070, 17126, 17131, 17484. **KAR-SBM COLONY:** 10620, 10890, 11180, 6056, 6148. **KAR-SRINAGAR:** 12070, 12324, 12829. **KAR-SUMANAHALLI:** 30015068, 30015088, 30015136, 30015143, 30015152, 30015214, 30015231, 30015292, 30015358, 30015371, 30015387, 30015388, 30015482, 30015483, 30015830. **KAR-SUNKADAKATTE:** 21065, 21832, 21853, 22224, 22297, 22630, 22707, 22773, 22805, 22883, 22885, 22912, 22913, 22915, 22916, 22919, 22920, 22937, 22938, 22942, 22943, 22972, 23051, 23118, 23154, 23155, 23158, 23256, 23272, 23277, 23293, 23336, 23342, 23445, 23501, 23590. **KAR-T.C.PALYA:** 15266, 15300, 15450, 15794, 15805, 15879, 15981, 16229, 16245, 16324, 16325, 16429, 16500, 16657, 16745, 16752, 16753, 16807, 16829, 16914, 16935, 17071, 17139, 17161. **KAR-THANISANDRA:** 10417, 10447, 10492, 10496, 10546, 10559, 10562, 10579, 10584, 10602, 10649. **KAR-THIPPASANDRA:** 33495, 33979, 34331, 34365, 34369, 34391, 34392, 34479, 34550, 34551, 34625, 34678, 34684, 34685, 34972, 758206162, 758206286, 758206415, 758206428, 758206434. **KAR-UTTARAHALLI:** 321370, 321625, 321626, 321638, 321685, 321880, 321938, 321962, 322000, 322014, 322043, 322058, 322063, 322064, 322171, 322250, 322275, 322292, 322300, 322436, 322439, 322479, 322480, 322518, 322519, 322531. **KAR-VIDYARANYAPURA:** 11484, 11509, 11558, 11668, 11677, 11696, 11750, 11775, 11817, 11837, 11849, 11871, 11955, 12009, 12014, 12032, 12079, 12090, 12156. **KAR-VIJAYNAGAR:** 10528, 10614, 10621, 10666, 10667, 10668, 10669, 10671, 10672, 10673, 10674, 10676, 10683, 10684, 10685, 10686, 10687, 10694, 10794, 10795, 10796, 10797, 10798, 10805, 10823, 10915, 10926, 10927, 10957, 10961, 10993, 11008, 11009, 11017, 11022, 11114, 11130. **KAR-VIVEKNAGAR:** 18433, 18994, 19013, 19178, 19196, 19207, 19219, 19262, 19278, 19314, 19385, 19465, 19527, 19623, 19707, 19836, 19852, 19974, 20011, 20033, 20057, 20231, 20300, 20342. **KAR-WILSON GARDEN:** 9753, 9754, 9755, 9756, 9757, 9758, 17805, 17843, 17846, 17852, 18009. **KAR-YESHWANTHPUR:** 706208939, 706209031, 706209039, 706209310, 706209357, 706209440, 706209574, 706209921.

CHAMARAJNAGAR DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD # 34 SRI RAMA COMPLEX BANAJIGARA BUILDING SAMPIGE ROAD CHAMARAJANAGAR-571313 **AUCTION DATE: 11.03.2025**
KAR-CHAMARAJA NAGARA: 21897, 22031, 22188, 22321, 22323, 22350, 22351, 22352, 22353, 22435, 22464, 22472, 22573, 22655, 22873, 22893. **KAR-GUNDLUPET:** 34150, 34383, 34453, 34962, 35126, 35142, 35147, 35148, 35166, 35332, 35380, 35395, 35626. **KAR-KOLLEGALA:** 13261, 13528, 13753, 13952, 13966, 14064, 14139, 14140, 14194, 14286, 14311, 14348.

CHITRADURGA DISTRICT AUCTION: MUTHOOTU MINI FINANCIERS LTD.1ST FLOOR,2535/B,SUVARANA COMPLEX.OPPOSITE SHANKAR TALKES, LAXMI BAZAR ROAD CHITRADURGA-577501 **AUCTION DATE: 13.03.2025**
KAR-CHITRADURGA: 9766,

PUBLIC NOTICE

MISSING DOCUMENT

On behalf of my client, Sri. S. Diwakar, S/o. Sundar, aged 42 years, residing at No. 29/2, Appaji Rao Lane, Nagarthpet, Bangalore North, Bangalore 560002, inform you that on 17.01.2025 at around 11.24 a.m., when my client was travelling to BDA Office near Ring Road, the relevant site document kept in the car was found to be missing. The missing document is the Sale Deed dated 07.09.2016 executed by the BDA in favour of C. Vadivelu. In this regard, a police complaint is lodged online bearing eLost Report No. 1446180/2025.

Even after serious attempts, the missing document is not found and therefore, I request the person/s in possession of the aforesaid document, to kindly return the same to me to enable me to hand it over to my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable vacant property bearing Site No. 2891, situated at Sir M Vishveshwaraiah Layout, I Block, Bangalore, bearing PID No. 6000031770 measuring East to West 9.00 Mtrs. and North to South 6.00 Mtrs., in all measuring 54.00 Sq. Mtrs.

B S Srinivas, Advocate
Law Home, No.510, 10th Cross, 15th Main, Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore 560070.
Place : Bangalore, Date : 29.01.2025

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE

Public is hereby informed that we **"Ameliorate Realtors Private Limited"** have obtained Environmental clearance Vide SEIAA 175 CON 2024 dated 28.01.2025 from the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Karnataka state (Constituted by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt of India) for our proposed Residential Apartment at Sy No. 198 & 199 (Old Sy No.50/1) of Kumbalagodu village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South taluk, Bengaluru Urban. The copy of the Environmental Clearance is available on the web-site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Environmental Department http://parivesh.nic.in.

By
M/s Ameliorate Realtors Private Limited,
Hara Chambers, No 22, 5th Floor, KH Road, Bengaluru - 560027.

Date: 01-02-25 Place: Bangalore

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No.: ST-PROJ-KGP-HWH-MCA, Dtd. 28.01.2025. e-Tender is invited by Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Project)/Kharagpur, S.E.Railway for and on behalf of the President of India for the following work : **Brief description of name of the work with its location :** All Signal & Telecom works along with construction of building for Replacement of old Panel Interlocking by a new distributed Electronic Interlocking at Mecheda of Kharagpur Division. **Tender value:** ₹ 24,34,42,304.35. **Earnest Money:** ₹ 13,67,200/-. **Date & time for closing of e-Tender :** 28.02.2025, 15.00 hrs. **Website on which tender has been published: www.ireps.gov.in** **(PR-1082)**

Open e-Tenders are invited by Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (G)/Santragachi, S.E. Railway, Kharagpur Division for and on behalf of the President of India through e-Tendering in **www.ireps.gov.in** website as per details mentioned below. Eligible contractors are requested to apply for the same through online only, in **www.ireps.gov.in** website. No offline tender will be accepted for this tender. Please read the tender document carefully uploaded in the document section for details. **Sl. No. & Tender Notice No.; Name of the work; Tender value; EMD/Bid security** respectively : **(1) Elect-OT-24-25-25CMC-PC, dated 30.01.2025;** Corrective Maintenance Contract (CMC) of electrical pantry appliance of LHB Pantry Cars and LHB AC coaches Sub-Pantry at Santragachi, Shalimar & Padmapukur Depot or any other Depot over Kharagpur Division in S.E. Railway for three years.; ₹ 1,99,49,173.68; ₹ 2,49,800/-. **(2) ELECT-CHG-OT-24-25-SPP-26, dated 30.01.2025;** Santragachi: Supply, Installation and Erection of Solar Power Plant at Santragachi Jurisdiction; ₹ 99,08,622.50; ₹ 1,98,200/-. **Tender closing date & time :** 24.02.2025, 11.00 hrs. for both. Tender notice, tender document and other details are given in the **www.ireps.gov.in** **(PR-1086)**

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT KARNATAKA
4th Floor, B.S.N.L. Building, Telephone House, Rajabhavan Road, Bengalore-560001.

O.A. No. 1561/2024

Between :
Union Bank Of India
SC Road Branch,
71/1, 1st Floor, Brigade Plaza, Subedar Chetram Road, Near Anand Rao Circle, Bengaluru-560001. ..... Applicant
And
M/s. Kurinji Traders & Another

1. M/s. Kurinji Traders
Represented by its Properietor Sri Saravanan .M, No. 155/11, GF Whitefield, Opp. to St. Joseph Convent School, Bengaluru-560066. Ph. No. 974469461
2. Sri Saravanan .M
S/o. Muthulingam, Aged about 36 years No. 155/11, GF Whitefield, Opp. to St. Joseph Convent School, Bengaluru-560066.
Proprietrix of M/s. Kurinji Traders
Ph. No. 974469461
And Also at : C/o. Muthulingam, No. B4 206, Chandragiri Apartment, Phase-2, Doddabanahalli, Kadugodi Plantation, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560067.
And Also at : Site No. 211, Property No. 211/94, Nallurahalli Village, K.R. Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560066.
..... Defendant No. 1 and 2

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (viii) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 AND 2

Whereas, the applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Banks and Financial Institutions Act 1993 against you for recovery of sum of **Rs. 35,00,821.93/-** (Rupees Thirty Five Lakhs Eight Hundred Twenty One and Ninety Three Paise only) together with current and future interest, cost and other reliefs the above Defendant is therefore, hereby directed to appear before the tribunal in defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **14.04.2025 at 10.30 AM** as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default the applicant will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this tribunal on this **21st day of January 2025.**

Registrar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bengaluru.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, Begur Main Road, Bommanahalli, Bengaluru - 560068.

No. BBMP/EE/BPD/Tend-10/2024-25 Date: 29.01.2025

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through GoK KPP Portal)

The Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division,BBMP, Bengaluru on behalf the Commissioner, BBMP invites Tenders from eligible contractors registered in BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES / National Highway or any State Govt. Organisations for the following works.

Sl. No.	Name of the Work	Estimated Amount
1	Supply of Data Entry Operators to offices under the Joint Commissioner, BBMP, Bommanahalli Zone (To be deployed to the BBMP offices spread across the Bommanahalli Zone) - **2nd Call.**	**Rs. 195.00 lakhs**
	EMD : **Rs. 2,92,500/-**	

Calendar of Events: **(1)** Tender documents may be downloaded from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in from 30.01.2025. (2)** Date of Pre-bid Meeting **: 04.02.2025 at 11.00 am at the Office of the Executive Engineer, Bommanahalli Project Division, HSR Layout, BDA Complex, Bengaluru-560102. (3)** Last date for submission of tenders: **on or before 10.02.2025 upto 4.00 pm. (4)** Date of opening of Technical bids : **11.02.2025 at 4.30 pm.** Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or from KPP Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer
Bommanahalli Project Division

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Hebbal Branch
No.12A, International Airport Road, Near Baptist Hospital, Hebbal, R.M.V. 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-560094

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)] TO BORROWER/GUARANTOR/MORTGAGOR

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

'We, **Canara Bank, Hebbal Branch,** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addressees at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. Further, Bank had served the said demand notices by affixture at the addresses given. The contents of the said notices are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrower / Co-Borrower / Mortgagor / Guarantor : 1) M/s Mathrushree Constructions, No 193, 30 1st Floor, Nagaveni Nilaya, 5th Main Road, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560032, **Proprietor 2) Mr.Mahesh V** S/o Venkatesh M, No 193,30, Nagaveni Nilaya, 1st Main, 4th Cross, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560032,**Guarantor/Mortgagor 3) Mrs. Venkatamma V** W/o Venkatesh, No.30 Nagaveni Nilaya, 5th Main, 4th Cross, Ganga Nagar, Bangalore-560032.

Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the borrower

Sl. No	Loan Number Nature of loan limit	Date of Sanction	Sanctioned Amount(Rs)	Liability With Interest	Rate of Interest
1	0425261005277 MSME-OD/OCC	19.02.2024	Rs. 5,00,000/-	Rs. 5,03,385.91	13.90 % (11.90% + 2% penal interest)
2	0425746000008 WORKING CAPITAL	29.06.2024	Rs. 35,00,000/-	Rs. 20,87,479.16	14.35 % (12.35% + 2% penal interest)

Total Liability Amount: Rs.25,90,865.07 (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Ninety Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Five and Seven Paisa Only) together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs

NPA Date : 25.01.2025 **Demand Notice Dated : 28.01.2025**

Name of the title holder : Smt Venkatamma W/o Venkaesh.

Details of Immovable Security Assets : All that piece and parcel of property bearing Middle portion of Municipal No 102/2. Situated at 7th Cross Road, H.G.H Layout, Ganganagar, Bangalore, formerly Old No 18, thereafter No 10, Harijan Colony, Gangenahalli Village, Bangalore, Now comes under the limits of BBMP, assigning Ward No 98, Ward Name Ganganagar, With Unique PID No 98-61-102/2, measuring East to West : 15.00 feet, and North to South: 35.00 feet totally measuring 525 sqft , along with the Residential house consisting of Stilt floor, Ground Floor, First Floor, Second Floor plan thereon, and bounded on: East By: Remaining Eastern portion of property belongs to Sri Venkataramanappa, West By: Remaining Western Portion of Property belongs to Sri Muniyappa, North By: Road, South By: Road.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower / Guarantors / Mortgager including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice affixed and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section 13(2) of the said Act.

Date : 31.01.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

IndusInd Bank

No. 25, Steeple Reach, A Block, Third Floor, Cathedral Road, Gopalapuram, Chennai - 600 001

PUBLIC NOTICE (Under Rule 3 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002)

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE OF NOTICE U/s.13 (2) of SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the borrowers as mentioned below that since they have defaulted in repayment of the Credit facility availed by them from IndusInd Bank Limited (IBL), their loan credit facility has been classified as **Non-Performing Assets** in the books of the Bank as per RBI guidelines thereto. Thereafter, Bank has issued demand notices to below mentioned respective borrower under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (SARFAESI Act). on the last known addresses of the said borrowers thereby calling upon and demanding from them to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below, together with further interest at the contractual rate on the below mentioned amount and incidental expenses, cost, charges etc. as stated in the said demand notices. However, the service is also being done by us by way of this publication as per Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (SARFAESI Rules):

Loan Account No: 773000005433 &778000003403 & 776000001623; NPA Date: 04/12/2024; Date of 13 (2) Notice: 8/01/2025; Borrower: Mr. Amar Shashi Kumar, S/o. Mr. Shashi Kumar Pillai,Flat No. 13, Ground Floor, Shiridi Sai Conccord Heights Apartments,Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village,KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore -560077, Karnataka. Co-Borrower:- **Mrs. Megana S** Wife of Mr. Amar Shashi Kumar,Flat No. 13, Ground Floor, Shiridi Sai Conccord Heights Apartments,Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village,KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560077,Karnataka.

Description of Schedule of Property: - All that piece and parcel of property being Flat bearing No. 13, in the Ground Floor, measuring about 1503 Sq. feet super built up area, Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing Vitrified flooring together with One Covered Car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc. of multistoried residential building known as "SHIRIDI SAI CONCORED HEIGHTS", with 560.619 Sq.ft undivided right, Property bearing BBMP Katha No.24/24/SSy.No.8/4 as per katha Extract and BBMP Katha No.24/24/,as per katha Certificate, Converted land bearing Survey Number 8/4,(Converted from agricultural purpose to non-agricultural residential purpose vide the Order dated 18.02.2015, in Official Memorandum bearing No. ALN (KRPH) SR:124/14-15, in Order passed by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at Nagareshwara Nagenahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, presently under the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP and bounded on the East by Land in Sy.No.16,West by Road ,North by Land in Sy.No.8/3,South by Land inSy.No.1 and 2 ,Lying within the Registration District of Bangalore and Sub Registration District of Shivaji Nagar (Banaswadi).

We hereby call upon the borrower stated herein to pay us within 60 days from the date of this notice, the outstanding amount of more particularly stated in respective Demand Notices issued, together with further interest thereon plus cost, charges, expenses, etc. thereto failing which we shall be at liberty to proceed against the above Secured Asset(s)/Immovable Property (ies) under Section 13(4) of the said Act and the applicable Rules not limited to taking possession and selling the secured asset entirely at the risk of the said borrower(s)/co borrower (s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)at your own cost and consequences.

Please note that as per section 13(13) of the SARAFESI Act, all of you are prohibited from transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise, the aforesaid secured assets without prior written consent of the Bank. Any contravention of the said section by you shall invoke the penal provisions as laid down under section 29 of the SARFAESI Act and / or any other legal provision in this regard.

Please note that as per sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, if the dues of IBL together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by IBL are tendered to IBL at any time before the date fixed for sale or transfer, the secured asset shall not be sold or transferred by IBL, and no further step shall be taken by IBL for transfer or sale of that secured asset.

Date: 27/01/2025 **Sd/-**
Place: Karnataka **For IndusInd Bank limited, Authorized Officer**

IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

(Original Jurisdiction)
In the matter of the Companies Act, 1956
and
IN THE MATTER OF M/s. ADMAS MULTI MARKETING PVT LTD (IN LIQUIDATION)
Co.Pet. No : 9/2004

E-AUCTION NOTICE

In pursuance of the Hon'ble High Court order dated 20.1.2025 passed in Official Liquidator's Report No.65 online competitive bids are hereby invited for sale of below described assets through e-auction scheduled on **6.3.2025 from 14.00 hours to 17.00 hours**. The entire e-auction catalogue ie. "Terms and conditions" of sale containing the schedules for giving full particulars of event of e-auction, guidelines for online registration etc are available on Rail Tel Corporation of India Ltd **website: www.railtelindia.com** and can be viewed by clicking on the following URL of **https://olauction.enivida.com** and Ministry's website at **www.mca.gov.in**. Inspection of the assets can be had at the premises situated at North Paravur, in Ernakulam district on **17.2.2025** between 10 a.m to 4 p.m. The Official Liquidator subject to the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala reserves the right to accept or reject the highest offer and also put the assets for resale. The EMD as above need to be paid through online mode on or before **28.2.2025**.

Lot No.	Description of Properties	EMD Rs	Upset Price Rs
1	Two rooms at 11/378 & 11/406 having an area of 516 sq.ft in the 1st floor of Classic Bazar, North Paravur, Ernakulam district	1,50,000	14,90,000

The intending bidders may contact Sri.Gagan T.S., Sr. Manager, M/s.RailTel Corporation of India, Bengaluru on Mobile No: 8448288987/89 & Smt..Sujatha 8448288994/86 for doubts/clarifications, if any, on the e-auction procedure and Smt Gigi Anand, Official of the office of the Official Liquidator during office hours on Mobile No: 9947442731 between 9 a.m.to 5.30 p.m for details about the properties.
Dated this the 29th day of January, 2025.

Sd/-, OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
HIGH COURT OF KERALA, CORPORATE BHAVAN
3rd Floor, B.M.C.ROAD, THRIKKAKKARA P.O., KOCHI - 21

AXIS BANK

Retail Lending and Payment Group (Local Office/Branch): Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560 027.

Axis Bank Ltd., 3rd Floor, Gigaplex, NPC – 1, TTC Industrial Area, Mugaisan Road, Airoli, Navi Mumbai – 400 708. Registered Office: "Trishul", 3rd Floor Opp. Samartheshwar Temple Law Garden, Ellisbridge, Ahmedabad – 380006.

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property is mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, the **physical possession** of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** on **18th Feb 2025** for recovery of **Rs.42,84,398/-**(Rupees Forty Two Lakhs Eighty four thousand Three hundred and Ninety Eight Only) dues as on **19.04.2021** with future interest and costs due to the secured creditor from **(1) Mrs. Shaila,** No 235/236, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 7th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore Karnataka 560083. **Also At:** Mrs. Shaila, Proprietor, SD Solution, No.235/236, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 7th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore-560083. **(Borrower / Mortgagor). (2) Mr. Praveen M S,** No 235/236, Ground Floor, 1st Main, 7th Cross, South Avenue Layout, Gottigere, Bangalore Karnataka 560083. **(Co-Applicant / Mortgagor)** Please refer the appended auction schedule for necessary details:-

Known Encumbrances (If any)	**Not known to the secured creditor. The unpaid charges towards electricity, maintenance, Tax etc. if any, as applicable**
Reserve Price (in Rs.)	**Rs. 36,90,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)**
Earnest Money Deposit (in Rs.)	**Rs.3,69,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Only) through DD/PO in favor of 'Axis Bank Ltd.' payable at Bangalore.**
Bid Incremental Amount	**Rs. 20,000/- (Rs. Twenty Thousand Only)**
Last Date, Time and Venue for Submission of Bids / Tender with EMD	**Till 17th Feb 2025 latest by 04:00 P.M.** at Axis Bank Ltd, # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027, Addressed to **Mr. Raghunath**
Date, Time, and Venue for Public Auction	**On 18th Feb 2025, between 11.00 A.M and 12.00 Noon** with unlimited extensions of 5 minutes each at web portal **https://www.bankeauctions.com.** e-auction tender documents containing e-auction bid form, declaration etc., are available on the website of the Service Provider as mentioned above.

DETAILS OF MORTGAGED PROPERTIES: SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of land property No.42, kallubalu gram panchayath Katha,no480, formed out of sy No.97/1, 97/2, 107, 108/1,108/2 and 109, convered for the nonagriculyure residential purpose vide official memorandum bear No. ALN (AJ)SR /73/05-06 dtd:09.08.2006, layout plan approved by BMRDA anekal planning authority vide No. BMRDA/APA/LAO/ 44/2006-07, dated "02-01-2008, in the layout knows CLASSIC CHAMPAKADHAMA" situated at harappanahalli village, jigani hobli, Anekal Taluk, with internal network of roads, water supply piping underground sewerage Disposal system, with parks and civil amenity areas as per anekal planning authority norms (APA/BMRDA nors) super build up area 1255 Sq ft, 2BHK with one car parking area and undivided share amount 414.489(UDS), herein after called the SCHEDULE PROPERTY through a registered sale deed vide documents no BSK-1-06196-2012-13, Book-1, C.D. No.BSKD172 (Banashankari), Bangalore, purchases form Savitha.Tand Savitha T, purchased through M. Prabhankar Reddy, S/o. Late R. Ranagappa Reddy. East to West: 24 Meters -North to South (33.00+29.08)/2 Meters Total measuring :744.96 Sq Metres, And bounded as follows. East by site No.43, West by site No.41, North by; Road, South by: Private Property.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY : 414.489 Sqft, undivided share, right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in schedule "A" Property.

SCHEDULE "C" PROPERTY : A residential apartment bearing flat No.GF-06, in ground floor, "CLASSIC CHAMPAKADHAMA" with super build up area 1255 Sq feet nd 414.489(USD) Sq.feet undivided share amount, build in Schedule A Property, consisting of 2 BHK house with attached bathroom, toilet with vitrified titles flooring and including one basement car parking and bounded by: East by : Ground floor No.GF-005, West by: open space, North by: Stair case, South by: open space.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in the secured creditor's website i.e. https://www.axisbank.com/auction-retail and the Bank's approved service provider M/S C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com

The auction will be conducted online through the Bank's approved service provider **M/s.C1 India Private Limited at their web portal https://www.bankeauctions.com.** For any other assistance, the intending bidders may contact **Mr. Raghunath at Axis Bank Ltd,** # 45 Prestige Libra, 1st Floor, Regional Passport Office, Near: Urvashi Theatre, Lalbagh Road, Lalbagh, Bangalore-560027 **(Mobile No. 919886960484, Email ID: raghunath1@axisbank.com)**

This Notice should be considered as 15 Days' Notice to the Borrowers/ Co-borrowers/Guarantors under Rule 9 Sub Rule (1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) (Amendment) Rules, 2002.

Date : 28.01.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bangalore **AXIS BANK LTD.,**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED

CUB TRUST AND EXCELLENCE SINCE 1904

Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id :** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Ph :** 0435-2432322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.88,39,175/- (Rupees Eighty Eight Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Seventy Five only)** as on **30-11-2024** together with further interest to be charged from **01-12-2024** onwards, other expenses and any other dues to the bank by the borrowers / guarantors **No.1) Mr. Suhas, S/o. Mr. Suresh Babu, No.425/21-1, 4th Cross, Near Rani Park, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. No.2) Mrs. Rupa Suresh, W/o. Mr. Suresh Babu, No.425/21-1, 4th Cross, Near Rani Park, Wilson Garden, Bangalore - 560027. No.3) Mr. Rakesh Kiran, S/o. Mr. Murali Mohan, 19/335/E, S4-3, Muneshwara Layout, Devinagar, RMV Extension II Stage, Bangalore - 560094.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
(Properties Owned by Mr. Suhas, S/o. Mr. Suresh Babu)

Schedule - A : All that piece and parcel of residentially converted land vide Conversion Order BDS ALN SR(S) 229/2003-04 dated 29-10-2003 by Special Deputy Commissioner in Sy.No.116/1, situated at Singasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, measuring 1,01,227 Sq.ft., and bounded on the:- Within BBMP Limits. East by - Private Property, West by - Manipal County, North by - Road, South by - Private Property. **Schedule - B :** An undivided share of 509 Sq.ft., comprised in Schedule A Property. **Schedule - C :** Flat bearing No.A 507 in the Fifth Floor of the building complex known as Malibu Enclave being constructed on the Schedule - A property consisting of 2 Bedrooms having super built-up area of 1,273 Sq.ft., with One Car Parking. Boundaries:- East by - Driveway, West by - Staircase and OTS, North by - Corridor, South by - Flat No.510.

Reserve Price : Rs.40,00,000/-
(Rupees Forty Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
18-02-2025	City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore-R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032, Karnataka. Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself/ herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bangalore - R.T. Nagar Branch, 590, HMT Layout, 4th Cross, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore - 560032, Karnataka. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact **Telephone No.080-23337000, Cell No.9342855177. (5)** The property/ ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 30-01-2025 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office : 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001. **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.** 0435-2402322, **Fax :** 0435-2431746, **Website :** www.cityunionbank.com

PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE
No. EM/PED-03/2025
No. EM/PED/TECH-03/2025/118 Date:28/01/2025

Name of the work - Management of Power Distribution System of Paradip Port Authority. Estimated Cost: **Rs.22,20,30,322/-** only excluding GST. Last date & time of submission of bid: **dt.19/02/2025 up to 18:00 Hrs.** Refer our Website for details **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app**

Sd/- Executive Engineer (E), PED-II
PPA/PR/60/2024-2025 dtd.31.01.2025

WESTERN RAILWAY

INTEGRATED COMMUNICATION SYSTEM FOR TUNNEL

Dy. Chief Signal & Telecom Engineer (Construction) Western Railway, Ratlam, invites **Tender No.: S&T/C/RTM/113/2024-25, Date: 28.01.2025. Name of Work**: Design, Supply, Installation Testing, and Commissioning of Integrated Communication System for Tunnel along with trenching, laying, and termination of various telecom Cables, in TIHI-PITAMPUR Section of Ratlam Division, In connection with Dahod - Indore New BG Line of Ratlam Division, Western Railways (M.P. State). **Estimated Cost of Work**: ₹ **56,331,357/-. EMD**: ₹**431700/-. Bidding Start Date**: 07.02.2025. **Closing Date & Time**: 21.02.2025 at 15:00 hrs. For further details please visit our website **www.ireps.gov.in** 1027

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Office of the Executive Engineer Panchayath Raj Engineering Division Kolar-563101
Phone No: 08152-222570, e-mail: eepredkolar1@gmail.com
No: 18/2024-25 Date: 24.01.2025

Short Term Two Cover System Tender Notice

(Through e-Procurment Karnataka Public Procurement Portal KW-IV)

On behalf of the Governor of Karnataka as per KTPP Act 2000 item rate tenders were invited in two cover system (SBD) in the forms KW-4 through e-procurement KPP Portal from authorized PWD contractors registered in appropriate class and enrolled in Karnataka Panchayath Raj Engineering Department for the Kolar Taluk works **Indent No's: 9963, 9978, 9975, 9956, 9961, 9965 & 9968 Tender Amount: Rs. 117.24 Lakhs to Rs. 147.64 Lakhs.** The contractor's are requested for participate in e-Tender through **GOK website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.** in Prebid meeting schedule **dt: 30.01.2025 at 11.00 AM** in this office last date for submission of tender application and uploading tender forms through website from **dt: 27.01.2025 to 12.02.2025 up to 16.00 pm.** and date of opening of technical bids in e-portal on **date: 13.02.2025 at 16.30 pm.** The eligible technically qualified contractors the date of opening of financial bids will be intimated. The notification can be obtained from the e-procurement portal. Further details can be had from the above office on all working days in working hours. E-Procurement KPP Portal helpline No's for tender clarification with respect uploading and downloading you can **contact: +91-8046010000, +91- 8068948777.**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PREDivision, Kolar
DIPR/KOLAR/RO:428/KSMCA/2024-25

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
WATER RESOURCE DEPARTMENT
KARNATAKA NEERAVARI NIGAM LIMITED

Executive Engineer, KNNL, KPC Division No-2, Bhalki

NO: EE/KNNL/KPCD-2/Bhalki/PB/TND/2024-25/929 Date:28-01-2025

:: SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION ::

(Only Through e-procurement System) In Single and Two cover system

Tenders in Electronic mode on "PERCENTAGE BASIS" are invited on behalf of the Managing Director, KNNL, Bangalore, by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, K P C Division No.2, Bhalki in Single & Two cover systems, from the contractors enrolled in KPWD of Karnataka State who fulfill the qualifying conditions, for the works details mentioned below.

The work Indent no's are 1) 2474/Call-2, 2) 2346/Call-3, 3) 2293/Call-3. The amount put tender and EMD and Class of Contractor as per E-portal

Calendar of events: a) The Contractor can have access to the e-tender document 29-01-2025, b) The Last date of Submission of completed tender documents 07-02-2025 @ 16.30Hrs c) Date of Opening of Technical Bid is 08-02-2025 @ 16.30 Hrs & Financial bid is 10-02-2025 @ 17.01 Hrs respectively. All details & information can be had from the office of the under signed during office hours and visit website www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/Bidar/375/KSMC&A/2024-25 **KNNL, KPC, Division no-2, Bhalki.**

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ಜಿಲ್ಲಾ ಪಂಚಾಯತ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ.

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E-mail: dhoyadgiri2@gmail.com ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂ: 08473–251312.

No. DH&FWO/15th FC/37/2024-25 Date :30.01.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION

TENDER DOCUMENT
SECTION-I

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF REQUIREMENTS OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT'S FOR NQAS PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OF SELECTED HEALTH INSTITUTIONS UNDER 15TH FC.

The District health and family welfare officer, Yadgiri, Hereby invites tender in two cover document system as per the Standard tender document from the reputed firms for the procurement of "MEDICAL EQUIPMENT'S FOR NQAS PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES OF SELECTED HEALTH INSTITUTIONS". The details of the Tender Notification, schedule, specifications are available in the website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/kppp. The tender form fees is as per the e-procurement portal Norms. The EMD & Tender processing fee shall be paid using e-procurement payment modes.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 1) Tender Reference No.: DHFWS/2024-25/IND0749/Call-2 2) Amount put to Tender: 1,08,80,000/- 3) Last date & Time for submission of Tender: 10-02-2025 at 16.00 PM 4) Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from procurement website From: 29.01.2025 5) Pre Bid Meeting: 07-02-2025 at 11 AM in DHO Office. 6) Date & Time of opening of Techn

EDITORIAL

Is the opportunity cost of turning our polity and our economy into a true mirror of federalism so severe that we have to continue to flinch from the task?

Ashok Mitra

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— Ramnath Goenka

SURVEY A REMINDER OF BUMPS ON ROAD TO VIKSIT BHARAT

THE Economic Survey has summed up the enormous task that lies ahead if we are to be a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The real GDP needs to grow at 8 percent for 20 years to achieve the average income of $10,000 per head—one of the targets set for 2047. Yet, the survey predicts the 2024-25 growth to be in the 6.5-7 percent range and 2025-26 at 6.3-6.8 percent. Even the medium-term prospects look worrisome, with both external and internal factors skewed against India.

India is at a crossroads where it faces the real risk of getting stuck in a middle-income trap. The demographic dividend could turn into a disaster if it fails to make its young population employable. What is more worrying is that job creation is facing a serious challenge amid the largely unfathomed threat from artificial intelligence. AI is not the only 'known unknown' that India will have to deal with. In the medium term, Donald Trump's policy uncertainties are an even bigger threat to the global as well as domestic economies. Climate change is another, and so is the position of China in the global supply chain. With so many factors threatening to disrupt the global economy and change the world order, the survey calls for changing the status quo. 'Business as usual' carries the risk of stagnation, warns the Chief Economic Advisor (CEA), and rightly so.

It's true that the government has, despite its many measures launched with good intentions, failed to lift private investment, consumption and manufacturing, which are key for job creation. The export sector, especially services exports, has reaped the benefit of a largely globalised world. But protectionism is growing and the developed world is looking more inwards than ever in the past three decades. Trump is threatening high tariffs if countries such as India do not fall in line. Even for foreign investments, India is no longer competing only with China or Vietnam—the CEA admitted that the US is a bigger competitor now. So India needs to overhaul its approach and policies to deal with the many economic challenges on the horizon. The Economic Survey 2024-25 is an honest reminder of it.

CROWD CONTROL LESSONS UNLEARNT AT PRAYAGRAJ

THOUSANDS of pilgrims were crushed under a moonless winter sky in the wee hours of Wednesday at Prayagraj. The official toll from the stampede has not moved from 30, but reports indicate the actual number is much higher; hundreds were injured. It's a terrible tragedy at an event lauded—including by us—for efficiently steering the world's largest crowd. However, going by the lack of proof that past lessons have been assimilated, there is no assurance it would not happen again.

Prayagraj is unique among the four Kumbh venues because a massive tent city the size of 7,500 football fields has to come up on the sandy confluence of the Ganga and the Yamuna every time it's held. In contrast, the riverbanks at Haridwar, Nashik and Ujjain are more built up and accommodate fewer visitors. It's no surprise that the modern era's worst stampede happened at Prayagraj in 1954; its official toll is contested by some local elders even today. In the following editions, experienced bureaucrats put together a crowd control plan, which the top IPS and IAS officers picked to run the fair are supposed to revisit. But infuriatingly, the triggers for the 1954 and 2025 stampedes were, basically, the same—the laity inexorably moving towards the water broke their columns.

One of the main lessons from 1954 was to ensure unidirectional crowds and a healthy distance between the herded commonfolk and the irascible Naga sadhus, who are given the right of way to the most coveted stretch of water. Estimating the crowd size in advance was another recommendation. While it used to be collated from police reports from the entry points to Prayagraj, the task is made easier today with mass location data from mobile phones. So when administrators are saying they did not expect 8 crore people to turn up on the auspicious *Mauni Amavasya*, they are being disingenuous—it's their job to know.

This Kumbh is being held under the watch of Yogi Adityanath, who said before the fair began that earlier administrations had allowed stampedes to happen; before long, karma came back to bite him. The new plans, including broadening the bathing area and dividing the fair ground into more manageable sectors, should have already been implemented. What we expect from the administration now is an honest count of the dead. Without that, those who perished would not find the one thing they craved for—absolution.

QUICK TAKE

FIRST, CLEAR THE RUBBLE

IT'S one thing to watch videos of a bombed-out city, but quite another to stand in front of your pulverised home. Thousands of Palestinian families are doing just that right now as they return to Gaza. So when Donald Trump says that Gaza should be "cleaned out", rather than letting him resettle more Gazans in neighbouring countries, Palestinians should hand him the cleaning bill. The task of removing the tonnes of debris—which are extremely hazardous to health—should squarely fall on those who supplied the bombs. Also, unlike in Europe and Japan after the Second World War, the contracts for rebuilding Gaza should not be given to American companies.

In the next two years, we'll know the outcomes of the census, and the finance and pay commissions. This budget is a chance to address some issues before the imperatives change

ROADS THAT FORK WITH BUDGET 2025

K M CHANDRASEKHAR

Former Cabinet Secretary and author of *As Good as My Word: A Memoir*

MANDAR PARDIKAR

THE fact that the Indian economy is on the verge of turbulence is well known to all but those who choose to wear blinkers. But if we take the blinkers off, we would be able to see a number of occasions coming up in the near future that would allow the administration to navigate the storm better.

One immediate fallout of the pandemic was suppressed demand. It resulted in a delusional base effect in the following years, giving us GDP growth rates as high as 7 percent in 2022-23 and 8.2 percent in 2023-24. The rate slumped to 5.4 percent in the second quarter of 2024-25, and the rate for the whole financial year is now expected to be a little over 6 percent. To achieve the dream of a developed nation by 2047, India needs a sustained growth of 8 percent.

Hitherto, the government's policies have been more corporate-friendly, with some sops for the very poor. Even during the pandemic, when many other countries were designing stimulus packages to promote employment and sustain demand, our finance minister chose to sharply bring down corporate taxes at the cost of ₹1.5 lakh crore. The FM obviously believes growth can only trickle down from above. But economic inequalities have grown enormously, the middle class has been squeezed, and, as a consequence, demand has plummeted.

The consumer goods sector showed a 4 percent decline in profit year on year in 2024, and revenue growth was minimal. The automobile sector, a barometer of middle-class prosperity, has mostly shrunk. Geopolitical tensions have hit exports. Inflation, particularly food inflation, has been high, preventing monetary policy intervention to spur demand. As Shaktikanta Das, the former RBI governor, plainly put it, "High inflation reduces the disposable income in the hands of consumers and dents private consumption, which negatively impacts the real GDP growth."

At the same time, the rupee is under enormous pressure and has been held up by the RBI, which has drawn down its foreign exchange reserves. Slowing credit growth and inadequate salary increments, together with high unemployment, have further suppressed demand. The stock market has read the writing on the wall, and the Sensex has fallen nearly 10,000 points from last year's high. As the middle classes have been investing heavily in mutual funds, the market movements cam further weaken consumption.

India faced a similar downturn just before the pandemic. According to the National Sample Survey, average consumption expenditure fell from ₹1,587 per person in 2014 to ₹1,524 in 2017-18 in the rural areas and from ₹2,926 to ₹2,909 in urban areas. The pandemic took the focus away from the economy, and the limitations of our economic policy were not exposed. There is no pandemic in prospect now, and the government will have to find answers willy-nilly.

Today's budget provides such an opportunity. Hopefully, the FM will have realised that exclusive supply-side policies do not help. However much one urges private companies, they cannot be induced to invest if they are not confident that what they produce will be sold. Fiscal action is required, as a reduction in interest rates on the monetary side can result in the flight of more foreign capital, weakening the rupee even more. To deal with the situation, the FM will have to find ways to strengthen both rural and urban consumption, and use public investment to support troubled industrial sectors through government purchases and investment.

The budget can provide the immediate stimulus. But we also have a new central pay commission on the anvil. The recovery after the 2008-09 recession was facilitated to a great extent by the 8th Pay Commission's conscious decision to strengthen domestic demand with a more liberal outlook.

The pay commission can signal the private sector to be more liberal with salary increases, which will further stimulate demand. In December, the chief economic advisor pointed out the anomaly of the corporate sector amassing the highest level of profit in the past 15 years in 2023-24, while lagging in salary increases.

The pay commission can also be an instrument for massive administrative overhaul by introducing an element of outcome-oriented variable pay in government salaries. The present administrative system is still based on archaic procedures, many of which were inherited from colonial times. It is possible to design outcome-oriented procedures as shown by the UK, Australia and New Zealand, among others.

We, too, started with a Result Framework Document system a decade ago, but it fell apart before it matured due to a lack of political ownership by both the UPA and NDA governments. Resurrecting outcome orientation in administration with supporting budgetary measures can bring about wholesale change in governance.

We also have another instrument in hand: the 16th Finance Commission. This, too, has the opportunity to bring about tangible change. While the previous two FCs gave more than 40 percent of allocable surpluses of central revenues to the states, the Centre has found devices to reduce the states' share to less than 30 percent. In a large and diverse country like India, requirements vary by states, and a federal polity must give each state room to grow the way it must, given the prevailing conditions.

The horizontal devolution of resources between states has been based primarily on per-capita income, area and population, with the result that the bulk of resources has gone to a limited number of states that have not used them wisely. It would be good if the present FC accepted the fact that growth is not the same as a rise in per capita incomes or GDP. As Joseph Stiglitz, Amartya Sen and Jean-Paul Fitoussi said in 2009, "A gulf of incomprehension between the expert certain in his knowledge and the citizen whose experience of life is completely out of sync with the story told by the data… Nothing is more destructive of democracy [than when] people believe they are being lied to."

Such a situation is developing in India. The FC could take a different look at growth in terms of human quality indices and work out entirely new ways of devolution to states.

In 2026, there will be political problems to handle as the delimitation of parliamentary constituencies looms larger. If the economic crisis is also unaddressed by that time, the country could be in deep trouble.

(Views are personal)
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DEEPSEEK TORPEDOES WESTERN AI OLIGOPOLY

PRATIK KANJILAL

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SPEAKEASY

ON Tuesday, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists set the Doomsday Clock forward by a second. The clock, created in 1947 by concerned scientists behind the first atomic weapons, including Albert Einstein and J Robert Oppenheimer, is a visual representation of how close the world is to anthropogenic collapse. The menace of the ticking bomb is much more compelling than the real threats it represents, like the melting of Arctic ice, new infectious diseases and the possible militarisation of Earth's orbit.

Moved by such concerns, the clock now stands at 89 seconds to midnight. The margin of safety is so tiny that even an advance of a second represents a very high fractional increase in global risk. But if the scientists behind the clock had stayed their hand for a couple more days, they could have moved it even further forward to acknowledge new threats from artificial intelligence and disinformation. The clock was reset just the day after a cheap and shiny Chinese AI sent the industry and markets into a flat spin.

The only problem with DeepSeek, as with all things Chinese, is the shadow of the party looming over it. The AI believes that Uyghurs are treated equally in China and "Taiwan has been an integral part of China since ancient times". It's more diplomatic about Arunachal Pradesh: "Let's talk about something else."

DeepSeek is open-source. Anyone can open it up, copy it or 'fork' it into a different project. Of the major US AI projects, only Meta's Llama is completely open. Projects are open-sourced to invite the world to build ecosystems using them. Open software like the Python programming language, the Apache web server and MySQL database manager, WordPress and Linux have exerted a foundational effect on multiple industries. But products built on DeepSeek could inherit Chinese censorship.

Even more interesting than the new AI is the political speculation and the fog of disinformation it has triggered. DeepSeek claims to outperform Silicon Valley AIs with much less hardware, energy and training. It's a serious blow to an industry highlighting its scale to attract big investments. This change of perspective has profound geopolitical implications—AI, perceived to be a plaything of powerful, high-technology countries, now appears to be within the reach of much smaller entities. Unless DeepSeek's claims are rebutted, investors and governments may not back AI unquestioningly any more.

The timing of the chatbot's release does invite suspicion: just 10 days before Donald Trump took office in the US, following a campaign threatening a trade war against China. Two days after assuming office, he announced the Stargate Initiative, a venture fund with SoftBank, Oracle and OpenAI on board, which would invest at least $500 billion in AI infrastructure, clearly to push China onto the shoulders.

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> Artificial intelligence is treading a familiar path of democratisation of technology. The first smartphone, IBM's clunky Simon Personal Communicator, was demonstrated in 1992. But the technology was made widely available by Android 16 years later

All that now looks like hubris, though the desperate hope remains that DeepSeek is a psy-op, a geopolitical gambit based on tall claims. Though its code is open, its makers have not revealed what data it was trained on. American researchers suspect it was their own. No conflict, really, because the Chinese have only claimed they broke up the training process to gain efficiency. They also claim to have used fewer and cheaper chips, because the US has restricted the export of cutting-edge Nvidia chips for security reasons.

The AI race is being seen as a national interest contest, the successor of the nuclear arms race and the space race, which were driven by dual-use technologies. Framed like that, it seems to call for export controls, the same as its predecessors. But AI is actually a different sort of animal. It is dual-use like nuclear technology, but it will be ubiquitous. You mustn't go about with a nuclear reactor in your pocket, but your smartphone with 20 AI services on it belongs right there.

AIs like Gemini, Llama and ChatGPT are displacing traditional search engines as default gateways to the internet. Running Boolean searches is already less rewarding than asking plain questions. Ergo, AI should be generally accessible. The very internet was originally a military and academic network. If it were not opened up, if the US had treated the TCP/IP protocol as a strategic technology, the whole world would have been far poorer.

But with the release of DeepSeek, AI seems to be treading a familiar path: first someone innovates an expensive and exclusive technology, and then someone else comes along and democratises it. Cars were quite exclusive until Henry Ford laid down his production line. The first computers were institutional machines so expensive that access to them was metred by the minute; but mass-market Intel processors made home computers affordable in about 20 years. The first smartphone, the IBM Simon Personal Communicator, was demonstrated in 1992, but the technology was democratised by Android 16 years later.

The world would be less stressed without yet another arms race—if AI is developed by cross-border cooperation as a global resource, as the internet was. Maybe it would be enough to set the Doomsday Clock back to where it was—provided we ask no uncomfortable questions about Uyghurs, Taiwan or Arunachal Pradesh. But we know the answers already, and the wise value silence.

(Views are personal)
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Unpunished molesters

Ref: *Faster probes can deter more than strict laws* (Jan 31). Innumerable cases of male highhandedness go unpunished in the country that grossly undermines the expectation of people. No stringent punishment is handed down to molesters, who seem to be repeat offenders.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

Speedy justice

In India, the real deterrent to crime is not just the severity of laws but the certainty and speed of justice. Investigations drag on for years, criminals exploit delays, and victims lose faith in the system. Swift and efficient probes send a powerful message—that crime will be met with immediate consequences.

Narayanan Kizhumundayur, Thrissur

Sparking initiatives

Ref: *DeepSeek's disruption should open gate for Indian AI initiatives* (Jan 31). Experimenting and exploring advanced versions will certainly give a push to education and economic growth in India. It can spark great initiatives in the country. We should not deprive ourselves of the accessibility of DeepSeek.

Suleman S J, Thiruvananthapuram

AI scope

The scope for AI technology is vast, and several innovative projects can be made in this sector. New startups have abundant opportunities for expanding this technology. It is a great step that the government has selected 18 application-level AI solutions for the first round of funding under the Indian AI mission. India has shown its strength in many areas and we can bring our own AI expansion soon.

V Rajesh Mohan Rao, Thalassery

Political morality

The Kerala High Court's observation that elected representatives who wish to change their political affiliation must first resign and seek a fresh mandate from the people brings into sharp focus how it has been overlooked by our lawmakers by changing parties to suit their convenience, ignoring the will of those who elected them. It is high time the electorate reacts to such immoral acts.

Raju Mathai, Kochi

Whose budget?

Finance Minister Nirmala Seetharaman will be presenting her record-breaking 8th consecutive budget on February 1. Will it be a favourable budget for the poor, salaried middle-class and pensioners or will it favour the elite as usual?

N Mahadevan, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Kiren Rijiju @KirenRijiju
Congress has always looked down on those who rise from humble backgrounds. Their dynastic arrogance & anti-tribal mindset stand exposed yet again.

Mallikarjun Kharge @kharge
His Excellency the President was insulted by the Modi government on the very day when she was not invited to the inauguration ceremony of the new Parliament.

Sanjay Jha @JhaSanjay
India's public discourse is a mammoth joke after 2014. We need educated people in politics, decent people in power. This hysterical, histrionics-driven gibberish makes a mockery of our country.

Only goal is Viksit Bharat: Prez

Addressing joint sitting of both Houses, Murmu says pace of work tripled in govt's third term

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRESIDENT Droupadi Murmu on Friday said the pace of work has tripled in the third term of her government and the nation is witnessing major decisions and policies being implemented at an extraordinary speed, with the highest priority given to the poor, middle class, youth, women, and farmers.

Addressing both the Houses of Parliament on the first day of the Budget session, the President said, "My government is infusing new energy through unprecedented achievements in this Amrit Kaal of India's development journey. The pace of work has tripled in this third term." She said the government has worked with strong determination to lift the economy out of the state of "policy paralysis" despite global concerns, such as aftermath of Covid-19 pandemic and war-related uncertainties.

In her nearly 60-minute address, the President said the government is moving fast to become the world's third largest economy. "The government is steering India towards becoming the world's third-largest economy. To ensure that the journey towards 'Viksit Bharat' continues to be guided by the ideals of our Constitution, the government has placed four key principles, namely service, good governance, prosperity, and pride all at the core of its governance," she added.

President Droupadi Murmu arrives to address the joint sitting of both Houses of Parliament, signalling the start for the Budget session, in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

India moving to be third largest economy: Murmu

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Murmu said the government has been making rapid advances in its commitment to reform, perform, and transform. "The guiding mantra of my government is 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' and its goal is the creation of a Viksit Bharat," she asserted.

Spelling out the vision of Viksit-Bharat, the President said, "There is the collective strength of public participation, a roadmap for the nation's economic progress, the power of technology in the form of a digital revolution, and the foundation of modern infrastructure in the vision of Viksit-Bharat."

She cited government's initiatives like construction of 12crore toilets under Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, 10 crore free LPG connections under Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojna, ration for 80 crore needy people, and Jal Jeevan Mission. She hailed the government's efforts to lift 25 crore people out of poverty through sustained economic endevour.

Highlighting the government's thrust on women empowerment, the President said, "The government firmly believes in empowering the nation through women-led development. The Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam, which provides reservation for women in the Lok Sabha and state assemblies, is a significant step."

Murmu talked about including houses for three crore additional families, property cards for the rural folks, and health insurance scheme to six crore citizens above the age of 70 years. "The government has also made swift progress on critical issues like One Nation-One Election and the Waqf Act Amendment," she said.

Murmu said India was setting an example for the world by emerging as a pillar of economic, social, and political stability in an environment of global instability. She said the world has placed its trust in India's "strength, policy and intent."

She said that the government has a goal of a modern and self-reliant agricultural system. "My government is working with dedication to ensure fair prices of crops to farmers and to increase their income. In 2023-24, India achieved a record production of 332 million tons of food grains," she said.

Kejriwal has failed to govern national capital, says Modi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

WITH Delhi assembly election campaigns entering the final phase, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the AAP government for "failing to govern the national capital", during a rally in the Dwarka area on Friday.

Maintaining that Delhi need a government capable of maintaining a balance, he said the "AAP-da" only engage in fights and arguments, and that the BJP would leave no stone unturned to ensure all-round development in the capital.

"As soon as we form the government in Delhi, we will take strict action against AAP-da's corruption. Those who have looted Delhi will be held accountable and made to return what they took. In the very first session of the assembly, the CAG report will be presented. This report will reveal AAP-da's scams, which is why they are trying to hide it," the Prime Minister said.

Modi said AAP has not increased the budget of infrastructure in the last four years. "This year again, they are not releasing funds for infrastructure. They don't want to use the public money to benefit people. Instead, they are spending a lot on advertisements. Seeing the growing anger of Delhi's people towards AAP-da, the party has started openly lying. AAP-da's dislike for Haryana is clear, their actions reflect this. They have blamed Haryana's farmers whenever Delhi faces pollution problems. Now, they are accusing Haryana of polluting the Yamuna river," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with Delhi BJP president Virendra Sachdeva during a public meeting at Dwarka in New Delhi on Friday | PTI

The PM said the AAP and the Congress have become synonymous with arrogance. "AAP-da behaves as if they are the sole proprietors of Delhi. Congress acts as though they own the entire country.

DECIDE

8 AAP MLAs quit

Eight AAP MLAs have resigned from the party's prime membership ahead of the Delhi assembly election. The MLAs, who failed to secure tickets to contest again, cited AAP's corruption for quitting. They said they have lost faith in AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal.

The MLAs who have resigned are Naresh Yadav from Mehrauli, Rohit Kumar from Trilokpuri, Rajesh Rishi from Janakpuri, Madan Lal from Kasturba Nagar, Pawan Sharma from Adarsh Nagar, BS Joon from Bijwasan, Girish Soni from Madipur and Bhawna Goud from Palam. According to sources, the resignations followed a meeting held on Friday by several MLAs, who did not get ticket this time.

BJP spent over ₹1,737 cr on 2024 polls, 37% more than 2019: Data

MUKESH RANJAN @ New Delhi

THE BJP has informed the Election Commission of India (EC) that it spent a total of ₹1,737.68 crore on the 2024 Lok Sabha polls and the elections for four state assemblies. Of this, ₹884.45 crore was spent on general party propaganda, while ₹853.23 crore was allocated for candidates' expenses.

The amount is nearly three times that of the Congress party's total expenditure of ₹584.65 crore for both the parliamentary and four state elections in the same year.

In comparison to the BJP's expenditure in 2019 general elections, the amount spent in 2024 was 37% more. In 2019, the party spent ₹1,264.33 crore, as per the party's audited report submitted to the EC.

Providing further break-ups of the expenditure, the party said that it spent around ₹611.50 crore, of which the largest amount was spent on media advertisements, which included advertisements in print and electronic media, bulk SMS campaigns and promotional content across cable, websites, and TV channels.

BJP spends 3 times more than Congress

The BJP's total expenditure of ₹1,737.68 crore is nearly three times that of Congress' expenditure of ₹584.65 crore for both the parliamentary and four state elections in 2024. In comparison to the BJP's expenditure in 2019 general elections, the amount spent in 2024 was 37 per cent more. In 2019, the party had spent ₹1,264.33 crore, as per its audited report submitted to the Election Commission.

Of the total, ₹156.95 was spent on Google India, while ₹24.63 crore was allocated to Facebook. The BJP said the party also spent ₹55.75 crore on publicity materials such as posters, banners, hoardings and flags to bolster its election outreach.

Additionally, the BJP's expenditure on public meetings, processions, and rallies, including arrangements for stages, audio setups, barricades and vehicles, stood at ₹19.84 crore.

Campaign-related travel expenses formed another significant portion of the party's spending amounting to ₹168.92 crore, as this included expenses on star campaigners authorised by the party's central headquarters. Additionally, ₹2.53 crore was spent on the travel of other party leaders.

Notably, the ruling BJP had heavily relied on mass outreach and publicity campaigns, which is evident from its spending patterns. Additionally, the gross receipts from the date of announcement of state elections to the date of their completion were Arunachal Pradesh (₹5,552.57 crore), Sikkim (₹5,552.41 crore), and Odisha (₹5,555.65 crore).

The party also apologised for the delay in submitting the expenditure report well beyond the EC's 90-day deadline.

SC directs EC to preserve video clips of polling

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday directed the Election Commission of India (EC) to preserve the video clips of the polling till the pendency of the pleas against the decision to increase the maximum number of voters per polling station from 1,200 to 1,500.

The top court said that EC should preserve the video clips of the polling till it takes a decision on the pleas.

A two-judge bench led by Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and also comprising Justice Sanjay Kumar passed the order after hearing the PIL filed by one Indu Prakash Singh.

The court also allowed the plea of the EC, which sought some time to respond to the PIL (Public Interest Litigation) and file a counter affidavit on the petition filed by Singh.

Singh has challenged the panel's communications in August 2024 for increasing the number of voters per polling stations in each constituency.

The PIL challenged the EC's communication(s), whereby the maximum number of electors per polling station has been raised from 1,200 to 1,500.

Singh has filed the petition under Article 32 of the Constitution, challenging EC's communications of August 7 and 23, 2024, to increase the number of electors.

He further claimed that the decision to increase the number of electors per polling station is not supported by any data and has no rational nexus with the object sought to be achieved.

The court was also seized of another plea filed by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh challenging certain amendments made to the Conduct of the Election Rules of 1961.

Ramesh had alleged that the amendment did away with public access to essential information that makes the electoral process more transparent and accountable.

The Centre amended Rule 93 of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to limit public access to certain electronic documents with an aim to prevent the misuse of electronic election records.

It amended Rule 93(2)(a) of the Conduct of Election Rules, 1961, to restrict the type of "papers" or documents open to public inspection in case of any discrepancy or doubt.

Both the petitioners — Singh and Ramesh — said amendment of a vital law in such a brazen manner without public consultation cannot be allowed.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

No permit for 'Urs' in demolished dargah

A plea, which sought to hold 'Urs' festival from February 1-3 at a dargah (Muslim shrine) razed in Gujarat's Gir Somnath district during a demolition drive, was dismissed on Friday. This came after solicitor general Tushar Mehta said that the demolished buildings were unauthorised constructions on government land.

Info on Rohingya settlements sought

The top court on Friday asked an NGO, Rohingya Human Rights Initiative, to tell the places of Rohingya settlement in Delhi and the facilities accessible to them. Advocate Colin Gonsalves said the NGO sought access to public schools and hospitals to Rohingya refugees as they were denied them due to lack of Aadhaar cards.

Petition against VIP darshans at temples junked

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Friday refused to entertain a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking directions against the rising practice of allowing preferential visits to 'VIPs' in temples across India.

However, the SC added that it was also against such preferential treatment. While refusing to pass any order, a two-judge bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Khanna and Justice Sanjay Kumar said that this court cannot issue directions.

"Sorry, we will not entertain. We may be of the opinion that no special preference should be given. This court cannot issue directions under Article 32 of the Constitution," the top court said after hearing a PIL filed by one Vijay Kishor Goswami.

Goswami had moved the apex court seeking appropriate directions to the Centre in this regard. On October 27, 2024, the SC bench said it would examine the writ petition challenging the imposition of "VIP entry charges" at major temples.

Warmer, drier Feb likely to hit wheat crop: IMD

JITENDRA CHOUBEY @ New Delhi

THE India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Friday forecast a drier and hotter February which would cause adverse impact on standing food grain crops like wheat at flowering and grain filling stages. Horticulture crops like apple and stone fruits may experience premature bud break.

January 2025 was the third warmest and received the fourth lowest rainfall since 1901. In its February forecast, the IMD said the rainfall averaged over North India is most likely to be below normal. "Further, monthly rainfall over the country as a whole during February 2025 is also most likely to be below normal," said Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, director general, meteorology.

The IMD has predicted that the monthly minimum temperatures during February 2025 are most likely to be above-normal over most parts of the country. Similarly, monthly maximum temperatures are likely to be normal to above normal over most parts of the country.

Monthly minimum temperatures likely to be above-normal over most parts of India

Monthly maximum temperatures likely to be normal to above normal

Below normal rainfall and higher temperatures over the plains of Northwest India to adversely impact food grains and horticulture crops

WEATHER FORECAST

Horticultural crops like apple and other temperate stone fruits to experience premature bud break and early flowering due to warmer temperatures

Crops like mustard and chickpea may experience early maturity | This could result in poor fruit-setting and quality, which may ultimately reflect in poor yield

The country's mean temperature in January was 18.98 degrees Celsius, the third highest for the month since 1901, behind 1958 and 1990.

"Below normal rainfall along with higher temperatures over the plains of Northwest India would adversely impact food grains and horticulture crops," said Mohapatra. "It would have a significant adverse impact on standing crops like wheat at flowering and grain filling stages. Crops like mustard and chickpea may also experience early maturity whereas horticultural crops like apple, and other temperate stone fruits may experience premature bud break and early flowering due to warmer temperatures, resulting in poor fruit setting and quality which may ultimately reflect in poor yield," he said.

In view of hotter and drier climate conditions, farmers are advised to go for intermittent light irrigation to minimise the adverse impact and sustain the crop growth. "However, due to expected normal to below normal maximum temperature over Uttar Pradesh and Madya Pradesh, the adverse impacts of cold wave on field crops will be limited," IMD said.

Despite January receiving seven western disturbances, rainfall was too less. Moreover, four western disturbances moved in quick succession during January 16-23. Only the western disturbance during January 9-13 was active which moved from Iran to Punjab across central Pakistan and caused a wet spell over Northwest and adjoining Central India and Delhi during January 10-13.

"All these western disturbances were not having sufficient moisture incursion and hence did not cause any significant rain or snow," said Mohapatra.

NMC flip-flop as patients & relatives can appeal against medical negligence

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

IN a landmark decision, the National Medical Commission (NMC) has overturned its earlier verdict, which rejected the appeals of patients and their relatives to approach its ethics board against the decision of the State Medical Councils (SMC) regarding complaints of medical negligence and misconduct against doctors.

Going one step ahead, NMC also made it clear that if the SMCs fail to take action on any medical negligence complaint, its ethics board will take over.

The decision was taken in the 16th meeting of the NMC, an apex body that regulates medical education, medical professionals, and institutes, on September 23, 2024.

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Course correction

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Taking up the policy decision on disposal of non-medico's complaints not decided by respective SMCs within the prescribed time limit, the minutes states, "NMC has agreed that all appeals received by the EMRB will be entertained."

"Further, with regard to action not being taken by SMCs on complaints filed by non-medicos even after issuance of reminders by the boards. It was decided to send a communication by EMRB to SMCs to complete the process in a time-bound manner," it said.

"In case of failure by the concerned SMC to act upon, EMRB may take over the complaint/matter from the SMC and dispose of the same. This is noted by EMRB, and the board will proceed further accordingly," it added. EMRB regulates professional conduct and promotes medical ethics in the country.

Reacting to the NMC decision, Kerala-based KV Babu, who has filed several RTIs on this issue, said, "I welcome the decision of the NMC, though it is delayed. I am happy that better sense has prevailed."

"I have been repeatedly arguing that the patients have the right to appeal against the SMC decision under ethics regulation 2002," said Dr Babu, who, through his RTI, sought a copy of the minutes of NMC's 16th meeting.

As per clause "8.8, any person aggrieved by the decision of the SMC on any complaint against a delinquent physician shall have the right to file an appeal to the MCI within 60 days from the date of receipt of the order passed by the MCI."

FATAL CRASH

Eleven people were killed and fifteen were injured in a collision between a pick-up van and a canter truck in Punjab's Ferozepur district on Friday, police said, adding, they are probing the incident which occurred around 8 am.

09 BANGLADESHIS ARRESTED FROM THANE SLUM FOR ILLEGAL STAY

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	30	15	Mumbai	31	17
Bhopal	30	13	Panaji	33	22
Jaipur	26	13	Patna	25	13
Amritsar	22	08	Lucknow	28	11
Chennai	32	24	Port Blair	30	24
Kolkata	28	21	Imphal	20	09
Srinagar	13	00	Chandigarh	25	09

Social media posts on '2nd stampede' spark row

Eyewitnesses claim that the incident took place almost three hours after the first one on Mauni Amavasya; mela authorities say no idea

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

AMID Mauni Amavasya stampede at the Sangam Ghat which claimed 30 lives and injured 60, confusion over another incident in Jhunsi area across the confluence of the three rivers continues. There is no official confirmation about the second stampede, but eye-witnesses claim that it took place almost three hours after the first one when a crowd returning after the bath ran into an uncontrollable bunch of devotees who were rushing towards the ghats for the dip.

As per sources, the Jhunsi incident took place around 2 km from the bigger stampede on Wednesday. However, mela authorities, including DIG Vaibhav Krishna, did not confirm the second crush in Jhunsi where, as per social media reports, the toll was around half-a-dozen. The mela authorities said they had all the documents of the victims during Wednesday stampede.

"We do not have any information about the second stampede. However, we will gather inputs about any such event, if it has happened at all. We will take corrective measures to avert any such incident in future with the upcoming third Amrit Snan on basant Panchami, February 3," said Krishna.

However, sources of Swaroo Rani Nehru (SRN) Hospital said that the hospital had a record of 30 casualties during Wednesday's stampede. They didn't clarify whether there were casualties in the Jhunsi stampede.

According to ground reports, the Jhunsi crush also happened due to crowd pressure and the closed pontoon bridges as some of the women devotees fell after getting suffocated in the crowd pressure and could not get up again as people ran over them.

During the media briefing on Wednesday, the mela authorities, including officer Vijay Kiran Anand and Krishna, talked about only the casualties that took place in the stampede at Sangam nose.

As per video clips of the Jhunsi incident that went viral on the social media — this newspaper doesn't confirm the veracity of these videos — situation was under control till 6am despite heavy rush of devotees on Mauni Amavasya on Wednesday. As they were moving out of the mela premises they came under the crowd of devotees rushing towards the ghats from the opposite direction. The crowd kept swelling with people from two directions joining the melee.

As per eyewitnesses quoted by some media reports, amid the chaos for nearly half an hour, the crowd stormed into the nearby power substation and kiosks to get out of the site and save life.

7.65 cr took dip on Wednesday

An estimated 7.65 crore devotees took a dip in the confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna, and the mythical Saraswati rivers on Mauni Amavasya on Wednesday, the state government said. The Maha Kumbh authorities expect that a huge crowd would gather at the third Amrit Snan on basant Panchami, February 3.

Nothing to hide, says mela DIG

The mela authorities said they have nothing to hide. "We do not have any information about the second stampede. However, we will gather inputs about any such event, if it has happened at all... We've a robust network of CCTV cameras across the mela premises. We would go through footage to verify the facts," mela DIG Vaibhav Krishna said.

23 hospitals set up on Mela premises

Ahead of Basant Panchami Amrit Snan, which will be third big bathing day after Makar-sankranti, health services have been further spruced up. Medical teams have been deployed on the ground. A total of 23 hospitals, equipped with 360 beds, have been prepared to cater to the pilgrims. A special medical team conducted inspection to assess the arrangements.

A woman breaks down while searching for her missing mother at Motilal Nehru Medical College, where bodies of victims are kept in Prayagraj; devotees during the Maha Kumbh on Friday | PTI

Muslims throw open mosques, shrines for Kumbh devotees

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>
> Vaibhav Krishna, DIG

> Though the saints and seers had decided to disallow Muslims inside the mela, look at nature's miracle. The mela itself reached the Muslim localities in the form of devotees
>
> Mahmood, a resident of Khullabad

NAMITA BAJPAI @Lucknow

FOLLOWING the stampede on January 29 in Prayagraj during Mauni Amavasya at the Maha Kumbh, which resulted in the loss of 30 lives and left many injured, members of the minority community stepped in to assist the exhausted devotees wandering tired and hungry on the crowded roads of the Sangam city.

The Muslims not only opened mosques, shrines, and Imambadas for the devotees, but also provided food and shelter for thousands at Khuldabad Subzimandi mosque, Bada Tazia Imambada, Himmatganj Dargah, and Chowk Masjid. Moreover, Hafiz Rajjab mosque in Nakhas Kohna locality and Jama Masjid in Chowk provided shelter to over 400 Hindu devotees.

Similarly, residents of Muslim localities, including Roshanbagh, Khullabad and Shahganj, opened their houses to them. Besides providing much-needed shelter, they also served the pilgrims refreshments and food and organized Bhandaras at night.

Just a few metres away from Hafiz Rajjab mosque, a Muslim family also rescued 40 devotees from Rajasthan, Jharkhand, and Bihar by hosting them in their six-bedroom house. "On the winter night of Mauni Amavasya, we felt many devotees were in trouble. So, we decided to open mosques so that those searching for shelter could rest for a while. Many of us provided shelter to the devotees in our houses," says Irshad from the Nakhas Kohna locality.

Former glam girl as Kinnar akhara chief triggers waves

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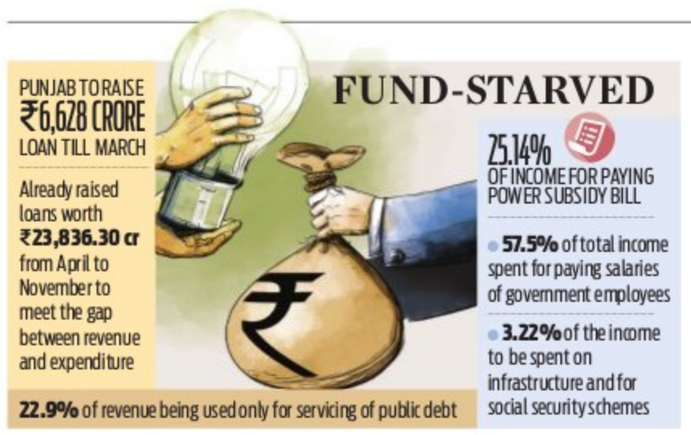
FORMER Bollywood actor **Mamta Kulkarni**'s anointment as Mahamandaleshwar (religious superior) of the Kinnar Akhara has sparked controversy after Rishi Ajay Das, who claims to be a founding member of the akhara, removed Kinnar Akhara Acharya Mahamandeleshwar Dr Lakshmi Narayan Tripathi, from her post. Tripathi hit back immediately, questioning the locus standi of Ajay Das claiming that he was not even a member of the akhara on Friday.

Ajay Das posted a letter dated January 30, 2025, on social media on Friday saying the action against Tripathi was initiated as she conferred Mamta Kulkarni with the title of Mahamandaleshwar of Kinnar Akhara defying the regulations for anointment of someone to the religious post.

Hitting out at Tripathi, Rishi Ajay Das said, "Tripathi did not do anything that could uplift the Kinnar akhara, rather, making an actress the Mahamandaleshwar, that too, a person who left the country as a traitor, forced me to take this action."

Responding to the remarks, Tripathi said, "He (Ajay Das) is not even a member of the Akhara which was registered by me. A letter issued by him deserves nothing more than a dustbin."

Tripathi said Das did not have any ground to issue a letter on behalf of Kinnar Akhara.


FUND-STARVED
PUNJAB TO RAISE ₹6,628 CRORE LOAN TILL MARCH
Already raised loans worth ₹23,836.30 cr from April to November to meet the gap between revenue and expenditure
25.14% OF INCOME FOR PAYING POWER SUBSIDY BILL
57.5% of total income spent for paying salaries of government employees
3.22% of the income to be spent on infrastructure and for social security schemes
22.9% of revenue being used only for servicing of public debt

Punjab's debt may reach ₹3.53L cr by March, govt plans ₹1K sops to women

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE public debt of fund-starved Punjab government is expected to reach ₹3.53 lakh crore by March his year. According to government sources, the state would raise ₹6,628 crore loan in addition to ₹23,836.30 crore availed between April-November 2024 to meet the revenue-expenditure gap.

Ahead of the state budget to be tabled next month, the government in its pre-budget meetings is discussing as to how to arrange funds to fulfil its promise of providing ₹1,000 per woman which it made during the 2022 assembly elections.

"The discussions are going on and data of income tax payee women and women voters is being collected. If at all this scheme is implemented, it is likely to be extended to non-income tax paying women," said a senior government functionary.

Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann has recently told the media that the monthly allowance of ₹1000 per month will be given to women in the next budget (2025-26). Officials said a major portion of the government borrowings goes towards debt servicing and meeting other expenses. It is understood that 22.9% of the revenue is spent towards debt servicing while 25.14% for paying power subsidy bill. After spending 57.5% of the total income on paying salaries to employees, only 3.22% is left with the government to spend on infrastructure and social security schemes.

The revenue receipts are ₹59,793.1 crore and expenditure is ₹83,642.9 crore, resulting in a deficit of ₹20,081.61 crore. The government has improved revenue collection in GST and excise. The projected revenue from sand mining this financial year is ₹300 crore.

The Centre has till now not paid ₹8000 crore as rural development fund (RDF) to the state which includes ₹1,300 crore for paddy procurement for the recently concluded season, as there is a dispute. The state government had last year done away with the ₹1,500 crore subsidy provided by former CM Charanjit Singh Channi, and also hiked VAT on petrol and diesel and increased bus fares.

Punjab has finished last among 18 major states on the NITI Aayog's fiscal health index (FHI). The report flagged a worrying trend of expenditure growing at a much faster rate compared to revenue receipts.

12 held for parading Gujarat tribal woman

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @Ahmedabad

A woman was disrobed, tied to a motorcycle, and paraded through Dhalsimal village for reportedly living in with a man, police said on Friday. Twelve people, including four women and as many minors, have been arrested in this regard.

The incident took place on January 28 in a village in Sanjeli taluka. According to Dahod Superintendent of Police Rajdeepsinh Jhala, the incident occurred when the woman's father-in-law led 15-20 people, including women and children, and kidnapped the victim. The perpetrators recorded the assault and shared it on social media, which alerted local authorities.

As the video went viral, police acted swiftly and rescued the woman from the illegal confinement of her in-laws. "An FIR was registered on January 29 against 15 persons. We have arrested 12 persons, comprising four men, four women and four juveniles. After we were alerted about the incident, we rescued the woman locked inside the house by her father-in-law," Jhala said.

The accused have been booked on charges of abduction, wrongful confinement, outraging modesty and assault with intent to disrobe. At the same time, the SP added that those in the mob who videoed the act and circulated it have been slapped with provisions of the Information Technology Act.

Of the arrested, the adult women are in judicial custody, while the minors have appeared before the Juvenile Justice Board. The four male suspects remain in police custody for questioning. Three suspects - one man, one woman, and one minor - are still at large.

Local sources report that the victim's husband is currently imprisoned for murder. She had been living with her in-laws but left due to family disputes. She reportedly developed a relationship with a man from her husband's village and had been living with him for three months before her brother-in-law discovered the relationship. While having multiple wives is accepted in some communities in Gujarat, relationships within the same caste, tribe, or Gotra are strictly forbidden.

Similar incidents have occurred before, including a case in May 2022 in Margala village, where another woman faced brutality for an alleged relationship. The police probe is ongoing as they continue to search for remaining suspects.

NORTHEAST

Meghalaya cops step up probe as fossil of whale ancestor goes missing

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

EVIDENCE that Northeast was possibly once a part of the mighty ocean has gone missing. Partially fossilised jaw and teeth of a whale ancestor, believed to be 35-40 million years old, was reported missing by the locals of Tolegre village in South Garo Hills district of Meghalaya on January 27. It was "discovered" by a Core Geo Expeditions team at a cave in February last year.

Subsequently, a Geological Survey of India (GSI) team had collected samples but the villagers took custody of a major part of the fossil. They asked the district administration to not visit the site as they wanted to preserve the site.

Two FIRs were lodged, one by the villagers and another by a social activist. "We are probing the incident. As of now, there are no suspects," South Garo Hills Superintendent of Police Shailendra Bamaniya told this newspaper on Friday.

The partially fossilised jaw and teeth of a whale ancestor | EXPRESS

Paleontologists and authorities are worried that possibly a major piece of evidence which could explain the evolutionary landscape of the region is now lost. "It was an ancient landscape. It could have helped understand the landscape evolution," a paleontologist said.

CM Conrad K Sangma lamented the incident. "It is an unfortunate situation. We never expected this to happen. The police are conducting an inquiry and hope they will be able to retrieve it soon," he said. He said the government had initial challenges because the land in question is under the Nokma (traditional custodian of Garo tribal clan land).

"It was very difficult for us to completely take over that area. The government would have been blamed had it forcefully taken control of the land (for better protection of the fossil)," he added.

According to Sangma, the government was only able to provide security to a certain level by closing the gates and accessibility to the site. He said the government had requested the locals not to create any disturbance till it was able to create a setup for the GSI. "I hope the villagers will now allow the government to have its larger presence in that area. Earlier, when we intervened, there was a lot of public reactions and we had to step back," he added.

'Byrnihat' brings smog in Assam, Conrad seeks help from Himanta on curbs

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

COME winter, smog shrouds idyllic Assam cities, with the Air Quality Index (AQI) hitting unexpected highs in Guwahati. One of the major contributors to the deteriorating pollution situation is Byrnihat on the outskirts of the Assam capital and bordering Meghalaya.

Byrnihat town has two sides, one in Assam's Kamrup while the other falls in Meghalaya's Ri-Bhoi districts. On Thursday, the Meghalaya government flagged high pollution levels in Byrnihat, stating it was affecting the air quality in both states.

There are 35 industrial units on the Assam side and 27 similar units on the Meghalaya side aggravating air pollution. All these units are divided into red and orange categories based on pollution caused by them.

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB) said the Assam section of Byrnihat has been declared as "critically polluted area" by the Central Pollution Control Board. To counter this, the MSPCB suggested a joint venture with Assam government.

"Collaborative efforts towards strict monitoring, effective policy implementation, and sustainable industrial practices are needed for betterment of public health and the environment," it added.

MSPCB said it would continue to take stringent actions to enforce environmental norms and ensure that industries operate within prescribed pollution control standards. It expects similar actions from its Assam counterpart to tackle air pollution in Byrnihat, reiterating that industries must adhere to environmental laws.

JAIPUR DIARY

RAJESH ASNANI
Our correspondent in Jaipur
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In trouble as I'm not a yes-man: Raj minister

Controversial Rajasthan minister Kirodi Lal Meena has sparked a fresh row at the opening day of the Budget session of the state Assembly. He has apparently asked to leave the Assembly on health grounds, after which he said he's not a 'yes-man', which is the cause of his troubles. In a media interaction, Meena said in the "Durbar of yes-yes, whoever says 'no' faces much hassle." Although the senior-most cabinet minister in the Bhajan Lal government, Meena had resigned from his post of agriculture minister after the BJP lost on some Lok Sabha seats in his area. However, his resignation is yet to be accepted.

Bollywood stars sparkle at Jaipur litfest

A bunch of Bollywood artistes have grabbed the spotlight at the Jaipur Literature Festival, dubbed as the greatest literary event in the subcontinent. On the opening day, celebrated lyricist, and screenwriter Javed Akhtar, releasing his latest book, 'Seepiyan', spoke on growing alienation from one's roots in the face of urbanisation. He stressed the vitality of preserving one's mother tongue which he said "is a vehicle in which tradition, culture, and continuity travel." Besides, exciting sessions by composer Shekhar and lyricist-actor Swanand Kirkire are bringing 'culture-craving' audiences.

Man demands helicopter from Barmer collector!

Rajasthan's most-talked about IAS officer and Barmer collector Tina Dabi encountered a rather unusual application a few days back when a villager requested a helicopter. Stating the reason for his strange request, young Mangilal said the road that led to his fields had been occupied by illegal encroachers. He said there was no way for him to enter his fields where his crop was ready to be reaped and sold. He said, "If the district administration is unable to clear the path to my fields, they should provide me with a helicopter to enter my lands." Even the dynamic Dabi was astonished by the bizarre request, ordering officials to resolve the issue on priority!

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I Smt. B S Sudha singh have lost allotment letter in respect of site bearing No 548 situated at Srigandhadakaval Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk. formed by "The Karnataka state D group Employees central Association" at Bengaluru, the Compliant was registered in FIR in Lost Report No.1455744/2025 dated 31.01.2025. The use of these documents by any person/s will be prosecuted in accordance with law. If anyone finds the documents please Contact Ph: 9731335599

LOST

I, Mahesh J, Deputy General Manager and Regional Head, Union Bank of India, Regional Office Bangalore East, No. 10-A, Chandrakiran Building, Kasturba Road, Bangalore-560001.

Article Type

Power of Attorney issued by Union Bank of India on **30.12.2011.** Even after many search attempts, it is not found. **Reference e-lost Report No. 1445056/2025, 24.01.2025. If found contact 9380011899 or nearby police station.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that my client (Sangeetha Devi) has negotiated to purchase the Schedule Property from its owner Sri. Manoharlal Jain, son of late Tilokchandji, R/at. No. 903, Ranka Chambers, 2nd Floor, M.B.T. Street, Nagarathpet Main Road, Bengaluru-560002.

If any person/s, statutory authorities Banks, Financial Institutions have any manner of claim or charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby called upon to filed their objections to this sale transaction, in writing along with the photocopies of documents on which they are relying, with the undersigned, **within 10 days** from the date of publications of this notice. Objections received thereafter will not be binding on my client

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing Municipal No. 20, PID No. 48-25-20, measuring East of West 45 ft. North to South 30 ft. totally measuring 1,350. Sq. ft. with a ground plus 3 floors building, situated at 3rd Cross, Sudhamanagar, Ward No. 48, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by : Property bearing No. 43;
West by : Road;
North by : Property bearing No. 25,
South by : Property bearing No. 23.

AKERSH B.R., Advocate
No. 6/1, G-floor, 15th Cross,
Cubbonpet, Bangalore-560002.
Mobile No. 9242895143

LOST OF DOCUMENTS

I, **Malini Krishna Mohan. I, W/o Krishna Mohan, aged about 48 years, residing at No. 245, Saipriya Royal Shelters, Devarachikkanahalli, Bengaluru-560076,** that I have lost the Original Possession Certificate & Allotment letter of HIG-I, Property No. 1561, Sector-C, Registered document No. ABL-1-13347-2022-23, CD No. ABLD1410, Bangalore, Anekal Taluk, Basavanagudi (Attibele) Sub-registrar office, on 29.01.2025 around 12.29 pm at Devarachikkanahalli while travelling. In this regard I have lodged a Police complaint (u/s 155 CrPC) on 29.01.2025 vide Sl.No. 1452274. If any found the same may please be returned to the above address. If found to anybody, did not return the same, treated as there is no legal rights on that. **Contact No: 9535275751**

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560 009.

Tender Notification (Though KPP Portal)

Karnataka Housing Board invites tender through Karnataka Public procurement Portal for Appointment of Project Management Consultant (PMC) for the work of Construction of Hostel Buildings (G+4)/Newcreation/Upgradation work at Minority Welfare Department-Morarji Desai/ Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Residential School/College at various places under PMJVK scheme.

• Notification No.: KHB/CE/PMC/NIT No. KHB/2024-25/SE0232 to SE0240 Date: 27.01.2025

• **Last date for submission of bid 10.02.2025 upto 4.00 PM**

For further information contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Tel: 080-22273511. Web site: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4719/AKAR/2024-25

Public Works Department

Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Bengaluru Division, 2nd Floor, PWD Annexure Building, K.R. Circle, Bengaluru 01. Ph: 080 22133370, Email: eepwdbngdn@yahoo.com, www.kpwd.gov.in

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Tender Notification No. 33

E-Portal: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home

Item-rate tenders, for the work in **PWD SOUTH** Sub Division under this office noted below, are invited by the undersigned on behalf of the Governor of Karnataka in accordance with Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement rules 2000 and as per Standard Tender Documents for procurement of works from the contractors registered in K.P.W.D. as per KPPP. Tender Notification are Published for 01 work (Rs. 25.00 Lakhs) Details of the tender works can be obtained from the above Office during office hours on working days. **EMD & Tender processing fees are mentioned in KPP portal.**

Eligible contractors interested in tendering for the work may apply for the tender through e-procurement.

1. Tenders must be submitted online through KPP portal on or before **4.00 PM on Dated: 07.02.2025**
2. The opening of tenders through KPP portal on **Dated: 10.02.2025 at 11.30 AM** or further date and time will be Intimate.

For more details contact this office.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
PWD Bengaluru Division, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/AAA/4702/2024-25

Indian Overseas Bank

ISRO View Branch (1061), 3274, 11th Main Road, Hal 2nd Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru-560008, Karnataka. E-mail ID: iob1061@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank** has **taken possession** of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://ebkray.in**

Name & address of the Borrowers:- 1. Mr. V.Sathyanarayanan, S/o Mr. Vishwanath, 38/2, 1st Main Road, Mount Joy Extension, Hanumantha Nagar, Bangalore-560019.

Date of NPA: 26-02-2021 **Date of Demand notice: 18-06-2021**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.33,51,128/- as on with further interest & costs.

Date of possession notice: 08-09-2021

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.33,98,628.06 as on 08-09-2021 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 30.01.2025 is Rs 33,20,371.00 plus undebited interest on suit filing Rs.6,12,453.06 with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY:-

SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY:- All that piece and parcel of site bearing Nos.5&6, Old Khatha No.2, present BBMP Khatha No.680/685/2/5/6,situated at Bikasipura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.197, Vasanthapura, Bengaluru; measuring East to West; on the Northern side 57 Feet Southern Side: 60 Feet, North to South; on the Eastern side 60 feet and on the Western side: 95 Feet in all 4533.75 Sq.Ft and **bounded on the: East by:** Site No.5, **West by:** Private property, **North by:** Vasanthapura Road, **South by:** Private Property.

SCHEDULE "B" PROPERTY:- All that piece and parcel of Two Bed Room, Residential Flat No.203, Constructed on the 1st Floor of the Schedule 'A' property, together with 272 sq.ft of undivided right, title and interest in the land, with a Super Built Up area measuring 1150 Sq.Ft, constructed in the apartment building known as **'SIRI ANNEX'** walls constructed with cement and bricks, front door teak wood, remaining flush doors, steel windows, with vitrified titles flooring and provided with all civic amenities and together with single open Car parking space in the stilt floor and with proportionate share in the common areas, entrances, staircases, passages, corridors, lifts etc., provided in Schedule 'A' property.

The property is in the name of **V.Satyanarayana.**

Latitude, Longitude & Co-ordinates: 12.894863 N 77.555282 E

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt
1	Immovable Property as mentioned above	Rs.35,00,000/-	Rs. 3,50,000/-	Rs.50,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 17-02-2025, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Bid increase amount: Rs.50,000/- **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Known Encumbrance if any: NIL

Inspection Date & Time: during office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 31-01-2025 to 15-02-2025.

Please contact the ISRO View Branch Manager and the contact number 9382236156/8925951061 (Mr. P. Chandra Kumar, Asst. General Manager) and 9491898630 (Mr.K.R. Jitendra, Senior Manager) Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues

For terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx https://www.publishtenders.gov.in , https://ebkray.in/eauction-psb/bidder-registration** (web portal of e-auction Service provider)

Date: 30-01-2025, **Sd/- Authorized Officer,**
Place: Bengaluru **Indian Overseas Bank**

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)

 # 49, East Wing , 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road, Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 Website: www.kiadb.in email: cdoce1@kiadb.in or jdtp@kiadb.in

No. KIADB/JDTP/FCN:807/462/2024-25 **Date: 31-01-2025**

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

KIADB has obtained Environment Clearance for the Mastenahalli Industrial Area, Phase-1 at Mastenahalli Village, Chinthamani Taluk, Chikkaballapura District Karnataka State for an extent of 516.97 Acres from State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) on 30-01-2025. The Copy of the Environment Clearance is available in the website **(https://parivesh.nic.in).**

Place : Bengaluru **Sd/-**
Chief Engineer-1

DIPR/CP/4717/AKAR/2024-25

KARNATAKA EXHIBITION AUTHORITY

DODDAKERE MAIDANA, INDIRANAGARA, MYSURU-570 010.

Telephone (Office) 0821-2446887: 0821-2523626
Fax (Office):0821-2440828

No/K.E.A/C.E.O/DEV/2024-25 **Date: 28.01.2025**

Notice Inviting Quotations

Sealed rate quotations are invited for the providing, Supplying, Fixing, erecting the glass reinforced concrete (GRC)/glass reinforced polymer (GRP) products in the style of Halebeedu for Developed of "A" Block In Karnataka Exhibition Authority promises. Since some Items/ Specification are not in our schedule of rate, Hence the Quotations is Invited. The following Items Specification is available in Karnataka Exhibition Authority, office Engineering section, please visit the office hours and get details and quota your rates with sealed cover before 03.02.2025 by 04:00PM. Any further enquiry regarding in this subject, you are requested to contact the Engineering section of the office during the office hours. Mobile No.: 9961640868,7892920878. Email : exhibitionauthority@gmail.com

Sd/- Assistant Executive Engineer

DIPR/DDMYS/1208/KSMCA//2024-25

Government of Karnataka

SOCIAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Indira Gandhi Centre for Career Development, Dr. Babu Jagajeeva Ram Research Centre, Outer Ring Road, Summanahalli Circle, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore-560091. Ph.No. 080-25578422.

No: SWD/IGCCD/OS-04/03/2024 **Date: 31.01.2025**

Notification of Tender (Through e-tendering only)

Social Welfare Department is inviting Short Term e-Tender from Reputed & Prestigious Training Institutions through E-Procurement portal, to provide Residential training to Scheduled Caste Community candidates for Police Constable for Bengaluru Zone and also advanced Drone Training for the SC candidates belong to Mysore and Belagavi Zone for the year 2024-25. The Short Term Tender Notification is given below: **NO:SWD/IGCCD/0S-04/Drone-BGV/2024, NO:SWD/IGCCD/0S-04/Drone-MYS/2024, NO: SWD/IGCCD/0S-04/PC-BLR/2024**

For more details please visit **http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
Assistant Director,
Indira Gandhi Centre for Career Development
Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/4704/SSC/2024-25

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.

(Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Property)

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable / movable Property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical (Strike whichever is not applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Regional Office West, Bangalore** of the **Canara Bank,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is"** on **05.03.2025 ,** for recovery of below mentioned amount.

E-AUCTION DATE: 05.03.2025

Borrower(s): (1) M/s. Vijayalakshmi Enterprises, No.1592/1, Ground Floor, 3rd division, Behind Yelahanka Police Station, Yelahanka Bengaluru 560064. **(2) Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi (Proprietor), (3) Mr. Narendra K R, Both are residing at:** Flat No.203, M M Lakeview, Royal Enclave Layout, Amruthhalli Main Road, Srirampuram Village, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 560064 **(4) Mr. Ramesh S.L** S/o Mr S Lingappa, No.101 Vijayalakshmi Palace,4th phase 7th Block, 6th Main, BSK 3rd stage, Bengaluru-560085. **(4) a. Mr. Ramesh S.L** S/o Mr S Lingappa, No.1309/B1,"Sri Srinivasa Nilaya", New Hemagiri Raod, Krishnarajapete, Mandya Dist -571426. **(5) Mrs. J.B.Yashodha** W/o Mr Ramesh S L, No: 101 Vijayalakshmi Palace, 4th phase 7th block, 6th Main, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085. **(5) a. Mrs. J.B.Yashodha** W/o Mr Ramesh S L, No.1309/B1 "Sri Srinivasa Nilaya", New Hemagiri Road, Krishnarajapete, Mandya Dist-571426. **(5) b. Mrs. J.B.Yashodha** W/o Mr Ramesh S L, No 358A " Srinivasa Nilaya", Hemavathi Layout, Krishnarajapete, Mandya Dist -571426.

Total liabilities **Rs. 4,94,04,634.65** (Rupees Four Crores Ninety Four Lakhs Four Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty Four Rupees and Sixty Five Paise only) as on **30.01.2025** and interest and other charges there on from **31.01.2025.**

Details and full description of the property (ies): Property No.1: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Khata No. 1309/A, Assessment No.2561,measuring East to West 36 feet , North to South 146 feet(including 21.9*100 square feet A.C. Sheet commercial building) situated at Ward No.10, Old Hemagiri road, Hemavathi extension, Krishnarajapete Town, Mandya District, standing in the name of Smt. J B Yashoda and bounded as under: East: Site of Andanigowda, West: Property of Ramesh S.L., North: Property of Subbamma, South: Road.

The reserve price is **Rs. 166.16 lacs (Rupees One crore and sixty six lakhs and sixteen thousand only).** The EMD amount is **Rs. 16.62 lacs (Rupees Sixteen lacs and sixty two thousand only).**

Property No.2: All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Khata No.1309/B1, Assessment No. 2561, property measuring East to West 53 feet, North to South 90 feet (including godown with plinth area 48*90=4320 square feet A.C. Sheet roof building consisting of ground floor) situated at Ward No.10, Old Hemagiri Road, Hemavati extension ,Krishnarajapete Town, Mandya District, Karnataka standing in the name of Smt. J B Yashoda with building constructed thereon and bounded as under: East by: Own property, West by: House belonging to Boregowda, North by: Property of Ravi, South by: Road.

The reserve price is **Rs. 138.33 lacs (Rupees One crore thirty eight lakhs and thirty three thousand only).** The EMD amount is **Rs. 13.83 lacs (Rupees Thirteen lacs and eighty three thousand only).**

Property No.3: All that piece and parcel of immovable property bearing Khata No. 1309/B, Assessment No.2561, "Sri Srinivasa Nilaya" property measuring East to West 53 feet , North to South 52 feet (including R.C.C. residential house) situated at Ward No.10, Old Hemagiri Road, Hemavathi extension, Krishnarajapete Town, Mandya District, Karnataka standing in the name of Sri. S L Ramesh and bounded as under: East: Property of Yashodha, West:House of Boregowda, North: Own Property, South: Road.

The reserve price is **Rs. 108.29 lacs (Rupees One crore eight lakhs and twenty nine thousand only).** The EMD amount is **Rs. 10.83 lacs (Rupees Ten lacs and eighty three thousand only).**

Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before: **03.03.2025 - 4.00 p.m.**

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank. For further details **Divisional Manager, Canara Bank, Regional Office West, E-mail id roblrwrec@canarabank.com, cb10434@canarabank.com (Mob No.: 7411509379/ 7022192698/9449860040), OR the service provider BAANKNET (M/s PSB Alliance Pvt. Ltd) Bangalore (Contact No. 8291220220) E-mail: Support. BAANKNET@psballiance.com** may be contacted during office hours on any working day.

Date : 31.01.2025 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place: Bengaluru **Canara Bank**

UJVN LIMITED

H.O.: "UJJWAL", Maharani Bagh, GMS Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephones: 0135-2763808, Fax- 0135- 2763508
CIN No. U40101UR2001SGC025866. Website: www.ujvnl.com

पत्रांक सं. 61 **e-TENDER NOTICE** दिनांक 30.01.2025

Office of the Executive Engineer PCM Dhalipur, Dehradun invites online bids from interested parties. Brief summary of the tender is given below:

E- Tender No-24/EE/PCM/Dhalipur/ 2024-25
Name of work: Protection work of Tail Race Channel (Asan River side) of Dhalipur Power House at Dhalipur, Dehradun
Estimated value of Tender: Rs. 2,47,71,762.00 (excluding GST)
Date & Time of availability of bid document on website: From 15:00 Hrs of 31.01.2025
Last Date & Time for submission of tender: Up to 15:00 Hrs 25.02.2025
For fuller & further details, kindly visit e-procurement portal "http://uktenders.gov.in" **Executive Engineer**

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TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through e-procurement)

BESCOM invites tenders vide Enquiry/ Indent No.: **BESCOM/2024-25/IND0103 (Lot-1)** and **BESCOM/2024-25/IND0104 (Lot-2)** through e-procurement platform from eligible Bidders for "Design, Manufacturing and **Supply of Open Bushing Type 250 kVA Star-2 (5-Star) Rated** 11kV/433V, 3Phase, 50Cycle, Aluminium Wound, CRGO Core Distribution Transformers as per Tender Specification, GTP and Drawing."

Bid Documents available: 01.02.2025. **Last date for Bid Submission:** 03.03.2025, 15:00 Hrs. **Opening of Bid Document:** 04.03.2025, 15:15 Hrs. The Tenders can be obtained through KPP portal web-site http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. Aspiring Bidders need to register on KPP portal. Further Bidders can take assistance with KPP help desk contact numbers (+91-8046010000, +91-8068948777) or email at support@eprochelpdesk.com.

Sd/-
Chief General Manager (Ele.,), Procurement, BESCOM

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TUMKUR CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

N.H. – 206, B.H. ROAD, NALLASANDRA, TUMKUR – 572 107.
Phone: 0816-2206297/142/490/46 **Email:**tmupur99@gmail.com **Fax:** 0816-2206760

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (Tender Notification only through KPPP Portal)

Tumkur Co-operative Milk Producers Societies Union Ltd., Tumkur invites KPPP Portal tenders two cover system (Technical & Financial bid) from eligible tenderers for the listed below:

Sl. No.	KPPP Tender No. & Date	Materials Details	E.M.D Amount Rs.
1	KMF/2024-25/IND1184 Date: 24-01-2025	Supply And Installation Of Desktop Computer with UPS, Batteries, Multifunction Laser Jet Printer, Thermal printer and Remote Display Unit To Tumkur Milk Union Identified MPCS – 85 Unit	1,86,700-00
2	KMF/2024-25/IND1185 Date: 24-01-2025	Supply And Installation Of Electronic Weighing Scale To Tumkur Milk Union Identified MPCS – 18 Nos.	7,610-00
3	KMF/2024-25/IND1186 Date: 24-01-2025	Supply And Installation Of Milk Analyzer With Ultrasonic Milk Sample Stirrer To Tumkur Milk Union Identified MPCS – 63 Nos.	56,700-00
4	KMF/2024-25/IND1188 Date: 24-01-2025	Supply Of Consumable Spare Parts For Air Handling Unit To Tumkur Milk Union – 58 Nos.	15,800-00
5	KMF/2024-25/IND1189 Date: 24-01-2025	Supply Of S30 Refined Sugar On Annual Rate Contract Basis– 35,000 Kgs	45,000-00
6	KMF/2024-25/IND1194 Date: 24-01-2025	Supply And Installation Of LED Sign Board On ARC Basis To Navi Mumbai – 1,400 Sq.ft	32,900-00
7	KMF/2024-25/IND1195 Date: 24-01-2025	Printing And Supply Of Product Literature on ARC Basis To Navi Mumbai – 80,000 Nos.	20,000-00
8	KMF/2024-25/IND1198 Date: 24-01-2025	Supply Of Gram Dal On Annual Rate Contract Basis– 9,000 Kgs.	29,250-00

1. Tender Schedule Downloading Date: From **28-01-2025 to 12-02-2025/ 2.00 P.M .**
2. Last Date for Submission Of Tender: **12-02-2025/ 2.00 P.M.**
3. Time & Date of Opening of Technical Tender Bid (cover 1): **13-02-2025/ 2.30 P.M.**
4. Web Site Address For E-tender: **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

For Tumkur Co-operative Milk Union Ltd.,
Sd/-MANAGING DIRECTOR

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(THROUGH KPP PORTAL ONLY)

KPTCL invites bids for the following works:

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(29)/24-25/8405-07 Dated : 31.01.2025

1) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/23-24/EPR-03/CALL-9 Dtd:03.10.2023 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5 MVA, 66/11KV, BBL make, Sl. No.4934/7, year of manufacture 2006 Lying at **66/11kV Sarakki Sub-station** on total turnkey basis.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(27)/24-25/8408-10 Dated : 31.01.2025

2) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/22-23/EPR-44/CALL-15 Dtd:21.10.2022 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5 MVA, 66/11KV, Victory make, Sl. No.4-0012/5 year of manufacture 2009 Lying at **66/11kV Prestige Shanthiniketan Sub-station** on total turnkey basis.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(30)/24-25/8411-13 Dated : 31.01.2025

3) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/23-24/EPR-04/CALL-9 Dtd:3.10.2023 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 20 MVA, 66/11KV, NGEF make, Sl. No.2800060083, year of manufacture 2001 Lying at **66/11kV Leela Venture Sub-station** on total turnkey basis.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(33)/24-25/8414-16 Dated : 31.01.2025

4) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/EPR-09/Call-4/Dtd:28.08.2024 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to & fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and Commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 20MVA 66/11KV Andrew Yule make, Sl No:13018, Year of Manufacturing 2001, Lying at **66/11KV B Sub-Station,** on total turnkey basis.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(28)/24-25/8417-19 Dated : 31.01.2025

5) Bid Enquiry No.KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/23-24/EPR-02/CALL-9 Dtd:03.10.2023 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating 31.5 MVA, 66/11KV, BBL make, Sl. No.4934/1, year of manufacture 2006 Lying at **66/11kV Jayadeva** Sub-station on total turnkey basis.

No. SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/F-122(32)/24-25/8420-22 Dated : 31.01.2025

6) Bid Enquiry No. KPTCL/SEE/ Tr(M)/BMAZ(S)/EE(O)/AEE-4/23-24/EPR-11/CALL-9 Dtd:18.10.2023 for the work of Dismantling, Transportation (to and fro), Repair, Testing, Erection and commissioning of sick Power Transformer of rating **20 MVA,** 66/11KV, EMCO make, Sl. No.HT1711-127097, year of manufacture 2007 Lying at **66/11kV Electronic City Phase-2 Sec-2 (Malgudi) Sub-station** pertaining to HSR Layout TL&SS Division on total turnkey basis.

The Bids will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging on to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink 'E Procurement KPTCL' or to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **01.02.2025.**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Ele),
Transmission (Maintenance), BMAZ South Circle,
KPTCL, Bengaluru-560009

RAJASTHAN RAJYA VIDYUT UTPADAN NIGAM LTD.

O/o CE (NPP), 5th Floor, Dreamax Plaza, Jaipur, Email: sespicell@rrvun.com

Online Tender Notice TN-38 (RVU2425SLOB01938)

E-tenders are invited for eligible bidders for "Hiring of third-party Agency/Consultant for providing services to transfer of the land fallen in between the existing land of RVUN in villages Ramsar Chhota, Bandarewala and Barala tehsil Pugal district Bikaner through lease/purchase in favor of RVUN". Tender details are available on websites **http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in** (for e-tender), **www.energy.rajasthan.gov.in/rvunl & www.sppp.rajasthan.gov.in.**

Raj.Samwad/C/24/11064 **RVUN/PR-4139** **Dy. Chief Engineer (NPP)**

KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD

3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)

Karnataka Housing Board invite tenders from empanelled contractors and also willing to empanel in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned works.

Last date of Receipt of Tender: 13.02.2025 upto 4.00 PM

Sl.No.	Name of the work
1	Development works at Indalawadi village adjacent to Suryanagar phase 4 of Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban Distict **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/OW/work_indent 513 & IFT No: 281 2024-25 Date: 30.01.2025. **Amount Put to tender:** Rs. 19,26,26,139/-.
2	Development works at Kadujakkanahalli village adjacent to Suryanagar phase 4 of Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024 25/OW/work_indent 514 & IFT No, 282/2024-25 Date: 30.01.2025. **Amount Put to tender:** Rs. 12,45,44,245/-.
3	Development works at Bagganadoddi, Thimmayyanadoddi & Mysurammanadoddi Village adjacent to Suryanagat phase-4 of Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. **Work Indent No.:** Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/OW/work_indent 515 & IFT No 283/2024-25 Date: 30.01.2025. **Amount Put to tender:** Rs. 12,04,64,505/-.

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/CP/4716/AKAR/2024-25 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया BOI Bank of India

Bangalore SME Branch, Shweta Arcade, # 578 B, 100 Feet Ring Road, H S R Layout, 6th Sector, Bangalore - 560034 | bengalurusme.bangalore@bankofindia.co.in

NOTICE U/S 13 (2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Date : 29-01-2025

To,
Mr. Gulam Mustafa,
L66, 3rd Main Road,15th cross, 6th Sector, HSR Layout, Bengaluru - 560102,
Mr.Jawid Hussain (Guarantor)
#1-1, 4th Cross, Link Road, HSR Layout, Near Madiwala New Extension Bangalore South, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068,

Sir ,

At the request made by you, our **Bangalore - SME Branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the Bank") has granted a **Loan Against Property** facility with a limit of **Rs.2,00,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crore).** We give hereunder details of advance facilities granted by the bank and the amount outstanding dues thereunder as on the date of notice:

Nature of facility	Sanctioned Limit	Outstanding Dues
Loan Against Property (LAP) A/c no 842662610000124	Rs. 2,00,00,000/-	Rs.2,09,87,930.64 (Dr) + interest from 30-12-2024

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following assets/ securities:

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:

EQM of residential apartment units constructed on Schedule A Property :

All that piece and parcel of the converted lands bearing Sy no30/18 measuring 0-03 guntas, Sy no 30/39 measuring 0-05.4 guntas, Sy no 30/41 measuring 0-05 guntas, Sy no 22/2 measuring 1 Acre 29 guntas Sy no 20/2 measuring 02 Acre 02 guntas Sy no 25/3 measuring 0-07.04 guntas Sy no 18/1A measuring 0-10.12 guntas Sy no 17/2 measuring 1 Acre 24 guntas Sy no 18/3 measuring 0-29.12 guntas Sy no 20/3 measuring 3 Acre 12 guntas Sy no 24/2 measuring 0-22 guntas Sy no 24/4 measuring 1 Acre 08 guntas Sy no 24/3 measuring 0-20 guntas Sy no 16/1 measuring 1 Acre 04 guntas Sy no 21/3 measuring 1 Acre 24 guntas Sy no 16/3 measuring 0-09 guntas Sy no 16/4 measuring 0-01 guntas Sy no 16/5 measuring 0-01 guntas Sy no 16/6 measuring 0-01 guntas Sy no 15/4 measuring 0-15 guntas Sy no 15/7 measuring 0-06 guntas Sy no 15/9 measuring 0-01.8 guntas Sy no 18/2 measuring 0-32 guntas All situated at Thirupalya Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District **Item No I:** A 3 bedroom residential Apartment unit bearing no AG122 on the ground floor of Block/wings "11(L)" in the project "E City Town phase II" constructed on the Schedule A property and 1500 sq. ft. of super built-up area and proportionate share of Undivided share, right, title interest and ownership of 445 Sq.Ft land share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with one covered parking situated at Thirupalya village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore and bounded as under:East by: Open Space West by: Staircase North by: Corridor South by: Road **Item No II:** A 3 bedroom residential Apartment unit bearing no A4114 on the Fourth floor of Block 10 in the project "E City Town phase II" constructed on the Schedule A property and 1500 sq. ft. of super built-up area and proportionate share of Undivided share, right, title interest and ownership of 445 Sq.Ft land share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with one covered parking situated at Thirupalya village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore and bounded as under:East by: Landscape and Open Space West by: Corridor North by: Lift South by: Corridor **Item No III:** A 3 bedroom residential Apartment unit bearing no A4102 on the Fourth floor of Block/Wings '10' in the project "E City Town phase II" constructed on the Schedule A property and 1500 sq. ft. of super built-up area and proportionate share of Undivided share, right, title interest and ownership of 445 Sq.Ft land share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with one covered parking situated at Thirupalya village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore and bounded as under:East by: Landscape and Open Space West by: Corridor North by: Lift South by: Corridor **Item No IV:** A 3 bedroom residential Apartment unit bearing no AG115 on the Ground floor of Block 10 in the project "E City Town phase II" constructed on the Schedule A property and 1500 sq. ft. of super built-up area and proportionate share of Undivided share, right, title interest and ownership of 445 Sq.Ft land share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with one covered parking situated at Thirupalya village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore and bounded as under: East by: Landscape and Open Space West by: Corridor North by: Lift South by: Corridor **Item No V:** A 3 bedroom residential Apartment unit bearing no AG116 on the Ground floor of Block 10 in the project "E City Town phase II" constructed on the Schedule A property and 1500 sq. ft. of super built-up area and proportionate share of Undivided share, right, title interest and ownership of 445 Sq.Ft land share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with one covered parking situated at Thirupalya village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore and bounded as under:East by: Landscape and Open Space West by: Corridor North by: Lift South by: Corridor **Item No VI:** A 3 bedroom residential Apartment unit bearing no AG68 on the Ground floor of Block 6 in the project "E City Town phase II" constructed on the Schedule A property and 1360 sq. ft. of super built-up area and proportionate share of Undivided share, right, title interest and ownership of 415 Sq.Ft land share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use along with one covered parking situated at Thirupalya village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore and bounded as under : East by: Corridor West by: Open Space North by: Flat no AG67 South by: Flat no AG69

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terrorists killed by Pakistan Army in 5 separate operations in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	1	-6	SNY	Los Angeles	17	7	SNY
Colombo	30	25	SNY	Melbourne	22	15	SNY
Dhaka	28	17	SNY	Moscow	5	3	LC
Dubai	24	18	SNY	New York	5	3	LR
Houston	22	9	SNY	Singapore	31	24	SNY
Istanbul	15	8	SNY	Toronto	1	-12	LC
London	8	3	LR	Washington	11	7	LR

25% tariffs on Canada and Mexico coming today, says Donald Trump

Considering similar measure against China too for sending fentanyl into the US: Prez

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump has announced plans to impose on Saturday a 25 per cent tariff on Canada and Mexico, its two neighbouring countries, and is also considering a similar measure against its largest trading partner China.

Trump said he would make a decision on Thursday night about whether to include oil in the list of tariffed items.

"We will be announcing the tariffs on Canada and Mexico for a number of reasons," the president told reporters in the Oval Office of the White House on Thursday.

He cited illegal immigration, smuggling of drugs and the massive subsidies that the US gives to Canada and Mexico in the form of deficits as the reasons for the tariffs.

"I will be putting the tariff of 25 per cent on Canada and, separately, 25 per cent on Mexico. We will really have to do that because we have very big deficits with those countries. Those tariffs may or may not rise with time," said the president.

President Donald Trump takes questions from journalists at the Oval Office in the White House on Thursday | AFP

Responding to a question, Trump said he would decide Thursday night whether to include oil among the items subject to tariffs. "We're going to make that determination probably tonight on oil. Because they send us oil...It depends on what the price is. If the oil is properly priced, if they treat us properly, which they don't," he said.

"Mexico and Canada have never been good to us on trade," Trump said, adding that the two countries have treated the US "very unfairly" on trade.

He asserted that the US will be able to make it up "very quickly" as it "does not need" the products that they have.

"We have all the oil you need. We have all the trees you need, meaning the lumber. We have more than almost anybody in those two categories. In oil, we have more than anybody," he said. "We don't need anybody's trees, we have great lumber in this country. We have to free them up environmentally, which I can do very quickly," he said. "We don't need what they have. For us to be subsidising Canada to the tune of USD 175 billion a year, and subsidising Mexico to the tune of USD 250 billion-USD 300 billion a year," he said.

Trump said he was also thinking about taking measures against China for sending fentanyl into the US. "Because of that, they're causing us hundreds of thousands of deaths. China is going to end up paying a tariff also for that. We are in the process of doing that. We'll make that determination of what it's going to be," he said.

Trade rises, deficit widens

The 25% tax that U.S. President Donald Trump plans to slap on imports from Canada and Mexico as soon as Saturday could drive up the price of everything from gasoline and pickup trucks, to Super Bowl party guacamole dip

$1.8 trillion

In 2023, US trade of both goods and services with Canada and Mexico came to more than $1.8 trillion, compared with $643 billion with China. Because of USMCA – and the regional trade deal it replaced in 2020 – most products cross the region's borders tariff-free

U.S. TRADE DEFICITS

MEXICO:
$161 billion
(UP 51% SINCE 2019)

CANADA:
$72 billion
(UP 132%)

Sri Lankan President Dissanayake ready to release Tamil land in Jaffna

COLOMBO

SRI LANKAN President Anura Kumara Dissanayake on Friday assured the northern Tamils that their lands held by the military would be fully returned back to them soon.

Dissanayake was visiting Jaffna, the northern capital, for the first time since being elected President in September last year and stated that land belonging to the people should rightfully remain with them.

Jaffna is a Tamil-dominated capital city of the Northern Province of Sri Lanka. He said steps are being taken to expedite the process of returning land to its rightful owners.

During the armed conflict since the 80s, the government has continuously seized the land of people for military purposes. From 2015 there have been releases from time to time. Dissanayake highlighted that while the government has the authority to acquire land anywhere in the country for development projects or security purposes, it is imperative that alternative land is provided to those affected.

These lands had been cultivated by the military since public access to them had been shut due to the military operations against the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) till 2009. During and after the conflict with LTTE, some 3,500 acres of privately owned lands were taken over by the military to create the high-security zone around the Palaly military base of Jaffna which is also the site for the current Jaffna International Airport.

Since 2015 some of these lands have been released to their private owners in response to pleas after the military defeated the LTTE in 2009.Jaffna holds great significance as it was the region where the LTTE had run a military campaign for a separate Tamil homeland for nearly 30 years before its collapse in 2009.

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OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER, PWD CIRCLE, PRATAPGARH
Email: sepratap@gmail.com Tel.No. 01478-294178
No. 915 Date 23.1.2025
Notice Inviting Bid No. 03/2024-25
NIB Code PWD2425A3888
Bid for 1 works of Road works are invited from interested bidders upto 6:00 PM of 20/02/2025 other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, https://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in) of the Rajasthan state; and departmental website. The approximate value of the procurement is **Rs. 372.00 lakhs.**
UBNNo. PWD2425WSOB14331 Sd/- Superintending Engineer,
DIPR/C/1074/2025 PWD Circle, Pratapgarh

PSPCL Punjab State Power Corporation Limited
(Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall, Patiala-147001)
Corporate Identification Number (CIN) : U40109PB2010SGC033813, Website : www.pspcl.in
(Contact Number 9646118754)
Tender Enquiry No. 330/HPs/ED-I/S-433 Dated : 30.01.2025
Dy. CE / Hydel Projects, PSPCL, Shed A-3, Shakti Vihar, PSPCL, Patiala Invites E-Tender for Manufacturing, testing, supply, supervision of ET&C at site of 02 no. 630 KVA, 11 KV/433 V dry type cast resin station transformers for Shanan PH, PSPCL, Joginder Nagar, District Mandi (HP).
For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in** from **03.02.2025 (11:00 AM)** onwards.
NOTE: Corrigendum and Addendum, if any will be published online at **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in**
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Can Fin Homes Ltd
No.1 and 2 , 2nd Floor,
1st Cross, Ramakrishnappa Layout,
Gottigere,Bengaluru 560083,
Ph: 080-25780611/7625013269
Email:bannerghatta@canfinhomes.com
CIN:L85110KA1987PLC008699 Karnataka.
Bannerghatta Road Branch
DEMAND NOTICE
Under Section 13(2) of "The Securitisation and reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002)"
To,
1.Mr.Gangula Gopi Krishna, (Borrower): No. 40-F, House List No. 21/40-F V.P. Katha No 302, Chikkathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560100
2. Mrs. Yendeti Sai Lakshmi Pravallika, (Co-Borrower): No. 40-F, House List No. 21/40-F, V.P. Katha No 302, Chikkathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore - 560100.
No. 1 & 2 amongst you have availed a housing loan from our branch against the security of mortgage of the following asset belonging to No.1. and 2. Amongst you. An amount of **Rs.61,52,302/-** (Rupees Sixty One Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Two Only) is due from you, to Can Fin Homes Ltd. as on 30.01.2025 together with future interest at the contracted rate.
Details of the mortgaged Property: All the piece and parcel of the immovable Property bearing Site No. 40-F, House List No. 21/40-F, VP Katha No 302, Chikkathoguru Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, presently comes under the BBMP limits, Measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all 1200 Sft and bounded on: East by : Property No. 40-C,West by : Road, North by : Property No. 40-E, South by : Property No. 40-G.
Registered demand notice was sent to Nos. 1 & 2 amongst you under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, but the same was returned unserved. The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrower/ s as per the said Act. Hence this paper publication. As you have failed to adhere to the terms of the sanction, the account is classified as a Non Performing Asset on **29.01.2025** as per the NHB Guidelines. You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rateof interest thereon from **30.01.2025** within 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.
Sd/-
Place: Bangalore **Authorised Officer**
Date : 31.01.2025 **Can Fin Homes Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE
This is to inform the general public that my client **T.M. Nandini,** W/o Late S. Umashankar, Aged about 60 years, residing at # 107, H Gollahalli, M R R Paradise, Bangalore South, Bangalore, Karnataka-560 060 is the sole and absolute owner of the property described in the Schedule herein below. My client hereby declares that the original registered sale deed pertaining to the said property, dated 19.04.2013, is incomplete as page No. 4 is missing from the original document. The sale deed is **registered as MDP-1-00375-2013-14 stored in CD No. MDPD126 of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Mahadevapura, Bengaluru,** the same has come to the knowledge of my client on 24.01.2025.The aforesaid missing page, if found by any person, shall be requested to return the same to my client or to the address mentioned above. Furthermore, it is hereby notified to the general public that no transaction concerning the said property shall be entered into with any person or company. Any person in possession of the missing page is requested to immediately inform my client at the address mentioned herein.
SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the property vacant site bearing earlier CMC Khatha No. 101, Property No. 207, situated at **Kadugodi Village, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** in the limits of Mahadevpura CMC, presently in the revenue jurisdiction of BBMP having Khatha No. 207, known as Muneshwara Layout, Whitefield Range, Bangalore and bounded on:
East by: 15 feet Road: **West by:** Property belongs to Chalapathy: **North by:** Property belongs to P. Anand and **South by:** Private Property.
And measuring - East to West : 80 ft. And North to South: 32 ft. In total 2560 Sq ft.
M.M.Ashoka, Advocate
No. 3/2, Thimmaiah Towers, Ist Cross, Ist Main, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-09
DATE: 31.01.2025 Place: Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE
The GENERAL PUBLIC are hereby informed that my Clients **Smt. SANJU .B,** W/o.Naresh A., Residing at No:131, 1st floor, Rajgopalnagar Peenya 2nd Stage Shanimathama Swamy Temple Road, BANGALORE-560058 has lost the original SALE DEED dated 28.02.2009 registered with vide Document No:LAG-1-05403-2008-09 stored in C.D.No:LAGD33 executed by M/s.Karnataka Gruha Nirmana Shakara Sanga Niyamitha in favour of Sri.J.PRAKASH pertaining to the below mentioned SCHEDULE PROPERTY. The said document is not in the possession of my client and the same has been intimated to the Jurisdictional Police. Whoever is in possession of the same is hereby requested to hand over it to the below mentioned address. If anyone deals with such persons on the SCHEDULE PROPERTY shall be doing so at his/her own risk and consequences and the same shall not be binding on my Client.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.65 [Sixty Five] in the layout formed by the M/s.Karnataka Gruha Nirmana Shakara Sanga Niyamitha in Survey No.136 of Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 50-0 [Fifty] Feet and North to South: 30-0 [Thirty] Feet, in all measuring 1500 Square Feet. And bounded on: **East By:** Site No.26, **West By:** Road, **North By:** Site No.64, **South By:** Site No.66
SRI. B.B. SUDHIR, Advocate
No.334, 09th Main, 14th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore-560038.
Mob:98450 22593

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Munithayamma., & Ors.,** has filed the petition death certificate deceased **Puttanna S/o Late Venkatappa who was died on 21.05.1967** at Dinnuru village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, If any of the parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional civil Judge & J.M.F.C., Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 15.03.2025, at 11-00 A.M., in C. Mis No.64/2025.**
By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Maunithayamma., & Ors.,** has filed the petition death certificate of deceased **Maramma W/o Late Puttanna who was died on 25/02/1972** at Dinnur village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, If any of the parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional civil Judge & J.M.F.C., Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 15.03.2025, at 11-00 A.M., in C. Mis No. 62/2025.**
By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Munithayamma., & Ors.,** has filed the petition death certificate deceased **Venkatappa S/o Late Puttanna who was died on 15.02.1950** at Dinnuru village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, If any of the parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional civil Judge & J.M.F.C., Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 15.03.2025, at 11-00 A.M., in C. Mis No.63/2025.**
By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
I, the undersigned Advocate on behalf of my client **Smt. Munithayamma., & Ors.,** has filed the petition death certificate deceased **Kempamma W/o Late Venkatappa who was died on 10.05.1960** at Dinnuru village, Channarayapatna Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, If any of the parties who are objections or climes may disputes regarding the same could appear before the Hon'ble Additional civil Judge & J.M.F.C., Court at Devanahalli and date of Hearing **on is the 15.03.2025, at 11-00 A.M., in C. Mis No.61/2025.**
By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
DEVARAJA B.A., Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Original Deed of Release dated 03.02.2003 registered as document No.24826/02-03 of book I in the office of the Sub Registrar, Bangalore North Taluk having been lost pertaining to the Property bearing BDA No. 113, Katha No.99/113, Nagarabhavi Extension, formed by the BDA, BBMP PID No.073-W0407-32, 3rd block, 2nd Stage Nagarabhavi, Bangalore, measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 30 feet, the complaint having been lodged with the Vyalikaval Police on 25.08.2016, the above Public Notice is now issued.
Any person having claim / in possession of the said document may represent to the under signed within **10 days** failing which it will be taken that there are no claims.
Sd/- **B. Srinivas**
No. 123/A, Ground floor, 5th Main Mathikere, Bangalore, Mob : 9880026168.
Bangalore, Dated : 30.01.2025

BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE
(4th Floor, Telephone House Building Raj Bhavan Road, Bangaluru*)
OA No 1243 of 2020
Summons under sub-section (4) of section 19 of the Act, read with sub-rule (2A) of rule 5 of the Debt Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules 1993.
UCO BANK
-VS-
M/s PROFILE ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS AND OTHERS
SUMMONS
SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23 (VII) OF THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULES, 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION
Defendant No 1:
M/s. PROFILE ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS, No 520, 5th Main, 2nd Block, RT Nagar, Bangalore - 560 032
A partnership firm represented by its partners,
Defendant No 3:
Mr. D. RAVIKUMAR, S/o Sri S N Dwarakanath, Partner of M/s PROFILE ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS, Residing at No 24, Kaveri Extension, Mariannapalya, Hebbal, BANGALORE
Defendant No 4:
Mr SANDIP CHAND, S/o Sri Vimal Chand, Partner of M/s PROFILE ENGINEERS & CONSULTANTS, Residing at No 206B, Skyline apartments, K G Nagar Main Road, Behind Ramkrishna Ashram, BANGALORE
WHEREAS, the Applicant has instituted an Application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you for recovery of **Rs 96,01,248/- (Rupees Ninety Six lacs one thousand two hundred and forty eight Only)** together with current and future interest and for other relief. The above mentioned defendants are required to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate in support of their defence to show cause **on 13/02/2025 at 10.30 a.m (forenoon)** as to why relief's prayed for should not be granted. Take notice that in case of default, the Application will be heard and determined in your absence. Take notice of interim relief sought.
Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this, the **31st day of Dec 2024**
Sd/- Registrar,
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II
Bangalore

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PROBLEMS ARE NOT STOP SIGNS, THEY ARE GUIDELINES
ROBERT H SCHULLER

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WHEN YOU REACH THE END OF YOUR ROPE, TIE A KNOT IN IT AND HANG ON
FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
INVITATION OF BIDS – TWO COVER – ITEM WAR TENDER SYSTEM (E-Submission)

IFB No.	**23 / F. O&M of Natham CWSS /SDO I/ CW /2024/Dt.29.01.2025**
Eligibility	Registered Class I Contractors (Civil)
Tender Invitee	The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai – 625 007
Downloading Period	**06.02.2025 to 10.03.2025** upto **15.00** hours
EMD Payable	Online Mode through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**
Pre Bid meeting	**20.02.2025** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee
Bid Submission	**10.03.2025** before **15.00** hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"**
Bid opening	**11.03.2025** at **15.30** hours through E-Tender Portal

Name of work	Appx. value (including 18% GST)	Bid Security
Operation and Maintenance of the CWSS to Natham, Nilakkotai, Ammayanaickanur TPs and 1276 rural habitations in 11 unions with bulk provision to Keeranur, Neikarapatty TPs and 354 rural habitations in Palani and Thoppampatty unions of Dindigul District with river Cauvery as source including repair, rectification works and supply of chemicals for the period from 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026	**Rs. 13.00 Crore**	**Rs. 9.75 Lakh**

DIPR/ 410 /TENDER/2025 **Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai.**
SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

aavin THE TAMILNADU CO-OP. MILK PRODUCERS' FEDN. LTD.,
JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR'S OFFICE, PLOT No.29 & 30, SIDCO INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, AMBATTUR, CHENNAI - 600098.
Tel. Ph. Nos.: 044 - 23464528, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, Fax No.: 044-23464536 e-mail – dgmpurchase@gmail.com
A Two Part e-bid open Tender is invited from the reputed firms for the following Job Work :

Sl. No.	Ref. No.	Description	Estimate Value	Important Dates: Pre-Bid meeting	Submission of Tender Document	Opening of Technical Bids
1	180/K4/2025	Engaging Job Work of 1,08,50,000 ± 25% Nos. of Aavin Milk Biscuits-66.8 gms. inclusive of the supply of required quantity of Wrapping Film for Aavin Milk Biscuits-66.8 gms. and necessary secondary cartons to meet out one year requirement to Products Dairy	750.00 Lakhs	10.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	21.02.2025 by 3.00 P.M.	24.02.2025 by 3.00 P.M.
2	4128/TT1/ TPT/2024	Supply of Manpower for Operation and Maintenance of the Aavin Fuel Station for a Period of 2 Years. Unskilled-21 and skilled-01.	108.00 Lakhs	10.02.2025 at 3.00 P.M.	21.02.2025 upto 3.00 P.M.	24.02.2025 at 3.00 P.M.

For pre-qualification criteria, specifications, EMD payable, place of tender opening, etc., please refer the website **www.tntenders.gov.in** and **https://aavin.tn.gov.in.** Tender documents can also be downloaded at free of cost and submission of filled tenders only through the e-tendering Website **www.tntenders.gov.in.**
DIPR / 413 / TENDER /2025 **JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR, TCMPF LTD.**

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CONSTRUCTION ENGINEER
RURAL WORKS CIRCLE, BALASORE
E_Mail ID: serw_balasore@yahoo.in, Ph-No- 06782/260318, Balia, Balasore
"e" Procurement Notice for Road Work
O-1360 **Identification No.- Online Tender- Road N.C.B. No. 22 for 2024-25**
Letter No. 283 Date. 28.01.2025
1. Name of the work :- MMSY-Improvement to existing RD road
2. Total No. of work :- 2 Nos. of work.
3. Estimated Cost :- Rs. 1203.37 & 524.48 (Approximately)
4. Eligible Class of Contractor :- As per Annexure.
5. Period of Completion :- As per Annexure.
6. Other details:-

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of tender On-line for bidding: From	To	Last Date & Time of seeking Tender Clarification.	Date & Time of Opening of Tender in O/O S.E.R.W. Circle, Balasore: Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore	N.C.B. No. - 22	03.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	18.02.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	17.02.2025 up to 5.00 P.M.	19.02.2025 at 11.00 A.M.	Will be intimated later.

Further details can be seen from the website: **www.tendersodisha.gov.in**
OIPR- 25105/11/0028/2425 Sd/- Er. Tapan Kumar Behera
Chief Construction Engineer, Rural Works Circle, Balasore

DC crash: Busy Reagan Airport's ATC was understaffed, controller was multi-tasking

WASHINGTON

ACCORDING to a *New York Times* report, staffing was thin in the control tower at Reagan National Airport, where the crashed American Airlines plane was about to land when the collision occurred.

One controller, rather than the usual two, was handling both plane and helicopter traffic, the Times quoted a preliminary Federal Aviation Administration report as saying.

Meanwhile, police boats returned to the Potomac River on Friday as part of the recovery and investigation. More than 40 bodies have been pulled from the river as the massive recovery effort continued, law enforcement officials told The Associated Press on Friday. The officials were not authorised to discuss details of the investigation and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Investigators have already recovered the cockpit voice recorder and flight data recorder of the American Airlines plane that collided with an Army helicopter as the plane was landing on Wednesday night at Ronald Reagan National Airport next to Washington, DC Officials are scrutinising a range of factors in what National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Jennifer Hommendy has called an 'all-hands-on-deck event'.

Wreckage seen in the Potomac River near Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on Friday | AP

Authorities were still looking for the helicopter's black box recorder, Defence Secretary Pete Hegseth said Friday on Fox News Channel. Other factors in the crash, including the helicopter's altitude and whether the crew was using its night vision goggles, are still under investigation, Hegseth said.

Military aircraft frequently conduct such flights in and around the nation's capital for familiarisation with routes they would fly in case of a major attack on the US.

ASIA MATTERS

THAKSIN GETS PERMISSION TO LEAVE COUNTRY

A Thai court on Friday granted former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra permission to leave the country, a court statement said, a rare exception for a defendant facing royal insult charges.The 75-year-old billionaire was jailed for eight years on graft and abuse of power after he returned to Thailand two years ago following 15 years in exile, though he was pardoned by the king six months later. Last year, he was charged with lese-majeste. According to Thai law, defendants facing trial must remain in the country unless granted special permission by a court.

EXPERTS WARN OF NICKEL MINING'S RISKS

One of Earth's most biodiverse marine regions is threatened by the expansion of nickel mining projects in Indonesia, according to a new report.Satellite analysis and on-the-ground visits found a rapid increase in land given over to mining pits in Raja Ampat Regency, a group of tropical islands near West Papua, according to the report from Auriga Nusantara, an environmental and conservation organisation in Indonesia. A few degrees south of the equator, the islands are home to 75% of the world's coral species and over 1,600 fish species.

5 KILLED IN BORNEO ISLAND FLOODS

Floods and landslides have killed at least five people in Malaysia's Borneo Island, Anadolu Agency reported. More than 5,000 people have been forced to evacuate their homes due to floods. Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim has ordered the country's disaster management agency to fully mobilise all its resources to provide relief.

62 hrs, 6 mins: Sunita breaks record for spacewalking

WASHINGTON

INDIAN-ORIGIN astronaut Sunita Williams has broken the record for total spacewalking time by a woman by logging 62 hours and 6 minutes of spacewalk.

Williams and her colleague Butch Wilmore, who have been stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) since June 2024, conducted a spacewalk on Thursday. The duo ventured outside the ISS to remove degraded radio communications hardware and collect samples that may show whether microorganisms exist on the exterior of the orbiting laboratory. The spacewalk began at 7.43 am Eastern Time and concluded at 1.09 pm ET, lasting 5 hours and 26 minutes. It was the ninth spacewalk for Williams and the fifth for Wilmore.

"NASA astronaut Suni WIlliams just surpassed former astronaut Peggy Whitson's total spacewalking time of 60 hours and 21 minutes," NASA said in a post on X. She surpassed Whitson's record for total spacewalking time by a female astronaut. Williams now has 62 hours and 6 minutes of total spacewalk time, fourth on NASA's all-time list, according to NASA.

In 2012, during a trip to the ISS, Williams became the first person to finish a triathlon in space, during which she simulated swimming using a weight-lifting machine and ran on a treadmill while strapped in by a harness so she wouldn't float away. Williams, 59, and Wilmore went on what was meant to be an eight-day mission to the ISS aboard Boeing's Starliner in June 2024.

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Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
740.76	Sensex	77,500.57	₹1,310	24 carat (10 gm)	₹84,480	₹1,000	1 kg	₹99,550	Dollar		86.64
258.90	Nifty	23,508.40	₹1,200	22 carat (10 gm)	₹77,450	₹10	10 gm	₹995	Euro		90.00

India lags in R&D, requires private sector contribution

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA is facing a significant gap in research and development (R&D) across key sectors, with a strong need for greater private sector involvement, according to the Economic Survey 2025, released on Friday.

The survey highlights that while R&D spending has shown growth, it still lags behind global standards. The gross expenditure on R&D (GERD) in India has risen from about ₹60,196 crore in FY11 to ₹127,381 crore in FY22. This still represents only 0.64% of the country's GDP — much lower than in many other countries that have made advancements in R&D.

In contrast, developed and emerging economies like China, Japan, South Korea, and the USA see private enterprises contributing over 50% of their total R&D expenditure. In the United States, tech giants such as Google and Amazon alone account for around 70% of the nation's R&D spending. Meanwhile, China's R&D investment, which stands at 2.1% of its GDP, is driven by a combination of substantial government funding and increasing private sector participation.

In India, however, industrial R&D remains underdeveloped and is heavily concentrated in a few sectors—primarily pharmaceuticals, information technology, transportation, defense, and biotechnology. Public sector R&D is largely dominated by the defense sector, followed by fuels and metallurgy.

'Enhance eco freedom for individuals, small biz'

Economic Survey calls for significant deregulation and structural changes; wish-list includes strategy for growth, expansion of MSMEs

BEN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

EMPHASISING that enhancing economic freedom for individuals and small businesses is the most important policy priority to bolster medium-term growth prospects, the Economic Survey has called for significant deregulation and structural changes as the strategic call of the hour.

As per the survey, structural reforms and strategies across sectors needed to achieve medium-term growth include creating enabling policy and regulatory environment for upgrading capacity and know-how of component manufacturers, increasing availability of trained manpower, addressing resource bottlenecks and regulatory impediments to accelerate gross fixed capital formation.

The wish-list includes a strategy for growth and expansion of MSMEs by helping them expand via deregulation and policy actions at the state and local government levels; undertaking reforms that help remove growth impediments in the farm sector and building state capacity and capability.

On the green transition, the survey has a slew of suggestions that focuses on adoption of new technologies instead of a complete abandonment of the present and a strategy to leverage growing pool of global green capital from sovereign wealth funds, global pensions, private equity and infrastructure funds for securing green transition finance. "To succeed with structural reforms, a fundamental pre-requisite is to accelerate and amplify deregulation agenda underway in the last 10 years and work towards giving people back their agency and enhancing the economic freedoms of individuals and organisations," says the survey.

Policy prescription for future growth

- Need structural reforms and strategies across sectors to achieve medium-term growth, and create enabling policy and regulatory environment
- Need a strategy for growth and expansion of MSMEs by helping them expand via deregulation and policy actions at the state and local government levels
- Undertake reforms that help remove growth impediments in the agriculture sector
- Adopt new technology instead of a complete abandonment of the present and redouble efforts to boost exports, attract investment
- Leverage growing pool of global green capital from sovereign wealth funds, global pensions, pvt equity and infra funds

Noting that of late, the focus of policymaking globally has shifted inwards, the survey says "the promise of shared benefits from a globalised world with open trade, free flow of capital and technology and sanctity for rules of the game are behind us. It is as unwelcome and unfortunate as it is real".

"The current tendencies across the world necessitate that we redouble our efforts to boost exports and attract investment. One way to do this is to benchmark ourselves to the rest of the world rather than our past. Given uncertain global environment and fraught geopolitics, expectations of the external sector's contribution to our economic growth must be realistic. We need to intensify our efforts on the domestic front," says the survey.

Economic Survey warns against long working hours

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

INDIA INC still debates over the 70–90-hour workweek proposal, but the Economic Survey has finally put an end to this by citing a study that documented adverse health effects if employees' work hours exceed 55-60 per week.

"Spending long hours at one's desk is equally detrimental to mental well-being. Individuals who spend 12 or more hours at a desk have distressed/struggling levels of mental well-being, with a mental well-being score nearly 100 points lower than those who spend less than or equal to two hours at a desk," the survey cites the Sapien Labs Centre for Human Brain and Mind study. Recently, Larsen & Toubro chairman SN Subrahmanyan spoke about a 90-hour work week.

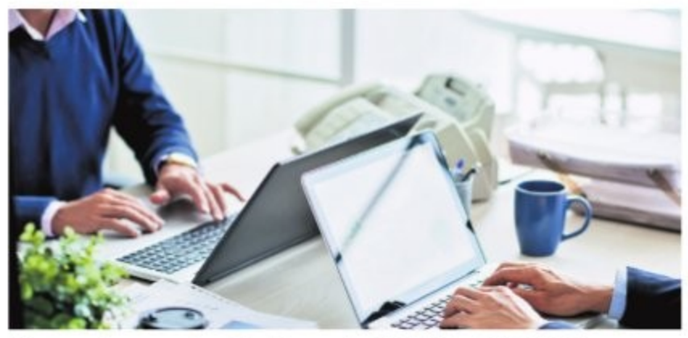
Earlier, Infosys founder Narayana Murthy also had pitched for a 70-hour work week that ignited the heated debate. While some business leaders supported the idea of long work hours, others stressed on the work-life balance.

Many employees and entrepreneurs have not agreed with the 70-90-hour work week statements. They say it is tough for employees to dedicate such long hours and also pointed out negative health repercussions due to overwork.

The Economic Survey also argued that promoting a better workplace culture will lead to better mental well-being. It points out that lifestyle choices and workplace culture are critical for mental well-being and productivity.

"If India's economic ambitions are to be met, then immediate attention must be given to lifestyle choices that are often made during childhood/youth. Hostile work cultures and excessive hours spent working at the desk can adversely affect mental well-being and ultimately put the brakes on the pace of economic growth," it added.

The workplace culture also affects productivity. Various surveys have pointed out how toxic environments affect employees' productivity. The Economic Survey also cites the study which highlights that individuals with well-being scores between -100 and -50 are unable to work about 15 days a month. But those with scores between 100 and 150 are unable to work only three days a month, and those with scores about 150 are unable to work only two days a month.



Unemployment rate drops to 3.2% in 2023-24

BENGALURU: From 6% in 2017-18, unemployment rate has reduced to 3.2% in 2023-24 and female labour force participation rate has increased to 41.7% in 2023-24 from 23.3%, as per the Economic Survey, tabled by Sitharaman in Parliament on Friday. A notable achievement is rise in women workforce participation to 41.7%, boosted by microfinance access, entrepreneurship programs and skill development. *ENS*

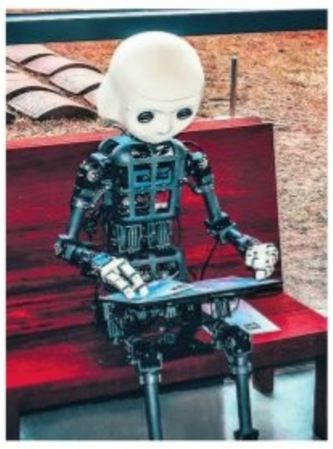
India Inc warned against overuse of AI

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

AS OpenAI's ChatGPT and the recent 'R1' low-cost AI model by Chinese firm DeepSeek have raised concerns about the future of jobs, the Economic Survey stresses on skilling employees so that artificial intelligence (AI) can augment their efforts rather than replacing them.

It states that it is time for India to build necessary institutions that will minimise disruptions and maximise societal benefits. It also asks the corporate sector to display a high degree of social responsibility.

"If companies do not optimise the introduction of AI over a longer horizon and do not handle it with sensitivity, the demand for policy intervention and the demand on fiscal resources to compensate will be irresistible," it states. AI must be introduced with sensitivity to the country's needs.



It adds that capacity and institution building is the need of the hour for India to capitalise on the opportunity that lies ahead. While some level of work displacement is inevitable, the survey points out that policymakers, academia, and the private sector should work together to raise the overall quality of human capital in India.

The Indian AI market is expected to grow at 25-35% CAGR by 2027, and this further fuels anxieties about employment.

Being a service-oriented economy, India is particularly vulnerable to automation and skilling employees as well as educating them are crucial. "This will minimise labour displacement as best we can. The silver lining is that due to the R&D nature of AI, India, this time, has the opportunity to catch up with, if not get ahead of the curve and prepare its workforce," the survey says.

Stressing on equipping the workforce with future-ready skills such as AI, it says AI functions as a tool tailored to particular purposes and that it is more suited to supplement human action rather than to be a total replacement for work performed by them.

> **If companies don't optimise introduction of AI over a longer horizon and don't handle it with sensitivity, demand for policy intervention and the demand on fiscal resources to compensate will be irresistible**
>
> Economic Survey

Eco survey advocates tax breaks on e-vehicles, subsidies for new energy

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

TAX breaks on electric vehicles (EVs) and subsidies for renewable energy can encourage a shift toward low-carbon lifestyles, the Economic Survey 2024-25 stated on Friday.

"There are several effective mechanisms to promote low-carbon lifestyles and advance sustainable development…Financial incentives such as tax breaks for electric vehicles and renewable energy use subsidies can motivate individuals and organisations to adopt greener practices," the survey noted.

This observation comes as the government has reduced direct subsidies for consumers purchasing battery-powered two-wheelers and three-wheelers. Subsidies for electric car purchases have been completely removed under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme. However, EVs continue to benefit from lower GST rates and other incentives.

The survey also highlighted China's dominance in the global EV and renewable energy sectors, emphasising the need for India to adopt policies that mitigate supply chain risks. Many critical minerals essential for EV manufacturing are either scarce or not processed in India, with their supply concentrated in a few countries. China holds a significant share in the processing and production of these minerals worldwide.

For key commodities such as Nickel, Cobalt, and Lithium, China is responsible for processing 65%, 68%, and 60% of global output, respectively. In the case of rare earth minerals, China contributes 63% of global mining and 90% of global processing output.

China's dominance

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'Need to ramp up investment in battery storage tech'

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA'S energy transition requires a comprehensive approach and can't solely focus on renewable energy, said Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran on Friday. Nageswaran, speaking to the press, emphasised that coal will remain a key component of the country's energy mix.

He said the expansion of renewable energy must incorporate transition fuels such as natural gas, and more importantly, nuclear power. Meanwhile, the survey, released on Friday, calls for a major rise in investments in research and development focused on battery storage technologies. It stresses the importance of improving recycling and sustainable disposal of waste from renewable energy systems. These steps are vital for ensuring a reliable and energy supply from renewable sources while safeguarding the long-term sustainability of the energy transition.

The survey said innovation in energy storage, grid infrastructure and securing critical minerals should be prioritised in short-to-medium term. Addressing these challenges will be crucial for supporting India's renewable energy ambitions and enhancing efficiency of its power systems. "India must leverage its best resources, advanced technologies and expertise to accelerate its journey toward becoming a developed nation by 2047 while ensuring a low-carbon pathway. Following this milestone, the country must pursue its goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2070," reads the survey.

The survey notes India's progress in new energy generation. As of November 30, 2024, the country has established an installed power generation capacity of 213,701 MW from non-fossil fuel sources, accounting for 46.8% of total capacity.

Busy Bee Airways to reach out to Go First lenders

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

BUSY BEE AIRWAYS on Friday informed the insolvency appellate tribunal NCLAT that it will try to reach out to the lenders of Go First. Travel portal EaseMyTrip's co-founder Nishant Pitti is the majority shareholder in Busy Bee Airways.

Busy Bee had earlier challenged the liquidation of the grounded carrier. During the insolvency resolution process, Busy Bee Airways, along with SpiceJet chief Ajay Singh, and Sharjah-based aviation entity Sky One had made bids for Go First. It also told the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) that it is ready to acquire Go First as a going concern as it still has valuable assets and a license from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) to operate.

Meanwhile, counsel appearing from the liquidator of Go First has agreed to file the minutes of the 37th meeting of the Committee of Creditors (CoC) of Go First before the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), along with the additional affidavit.

The appellate tribunal was hearing two petitions filed by Busy Bee Airways and Bhartiya Kamgar Sena Mumbai, challenging the order of the Delhi bench of the NCLT, which, on January 20, ordered the liquidation of the low-cost carrier.

Excessive financialisation can hurt real economy as it comes with risks: Survey

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

STATING that financial markets must grow in line with the real economy and not faster than the economy's capital needs and overall economic growth, the economic survey has warned that excessive financialisation can hurt the real economy as it comes with attendant risks to the overall financial system.

The survey has called for banks to enhance their capabilities to meet demands of new-age households and the digital economy while maintaining their primary credit creation function.

The survey is the latest to flag risks of retail investors playing on complex derivatives products and even borrowing to invest in the market or play on derivatives. This has led the Reserve Bank to ask banks to go slow on personal loans which finally led the regulator to impose an additional 25 percentage points risk capital on such loans, from November 2023 when it was 100%. This had unsecured loans growth plummeting to high single digits now from over 30% before the clampdown.

"While there is evidence of increasing reliance on financial markets as a funding source, the financial markets must work in tandem with the banking sector to bridge capital requirement gap. The financial markets must grow in line with, but not faster than the economy's capital needs and overall economic growth."

"Excessive financialisation can hurt economy. The costs may be high for a low-middle-income country like ours. We must prepare ourselves with regulatory and government policy measures to intervene and mitigate these risks when necessary," the survey said.

Market may see correction in 2025, warns survey

NEW DELHI: Domestic equity market could see a meaningful correction in 2025 due to concerns over high valuations in U.S. stocks and their heavy influence on global equities, according to the Economic Survey for FY2024-25."As we move into 2025, the US financial landscape is characterised by high stock market valuations, record corporate profits and extremely optimistic investor sentiment. *ENS*

EXPRESS READ

Tax cuts for middle class may figure in budget

New Delhi: Taxpayers, mainly lower middle tax, may get relief in Budget on Saturday as the Narendra Modi government looks to boost consumption to spur a shuttering economy, Deloitte India economist Rumki Majumdar said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi invoking the Goddess Lakshmi may hold the cues for the possible relief. *ENS*

Bandhan Bank profit dips 42% to ₹426 cr

New Delhi: Bandhan Bank on Friday reported a 42% fall in its net profit for the third quarter of current financial year at ₹426 crore as against ₹733 crore in the year-ago period. The bank's net revenue during the third quarter of the current fiscal stood at ₹3,926 crore as compared to ₹3,071 crore in the corresponding quarter last year. *ENS*

Apple expanding mfg in India for domestic needs, export: Cook

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

APPLE CEO Tim Cook on Friday said the company is expanding its manufacturing in India to meet both domestic demand and global export needs. During a call with investors discussing the company's quarterly results, Cook expressed his enthusiasm for the Indian market.

In 2024, Apple surpassed the ₹1 trillion mark for iPhone exports from India, achieving record outbound shipments of $12.8 billion (₹1.08 lakh cr), reflecting a 42% year-on-year increase. "Yeah, if you look at the manufacturing we do there, we do manufacturing both for the domestic market, and we export. And so, in -- our business needs a certain economies of scale for it to make sense to manufacture in-country. And so, that really means that we're going to be both a use for the domestic market and an export market," said Cook.

The company has been diversifying its manufacturing from China to India, largely due to the ongoing trade tensions between the U.S. and China. Apple now aims to source around 25% of its total manufacturing from India.

Cook also revealed that India set a new record for the December quarter and that the company is planning to open four more stores in the country. While Apple currently holds a modest share in India, it aims to grow its presence in the market. "We have great results in a number of emerging markets. And as you know, from past calls, I'm particularly keen on India. India set a December quarter record during the quarter. And we're opening more stores there," said Cook.

Additionally, Cook stated that the iPhone was the top-selling model in India during the quarter.

OREDA LIMITED

(Formerly Known As Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency)
(CIN No: U35105OD2024OD2024SGC045786)
(Under Department of Energy, Government of Odisha)
S-59, Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar-751010
Ph: 91-674-2578260, Web site: www.oredaodisha.com,
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Request For Proposal (RFP)

CONSULTANCY SERVICES FOR CONDUCTING / MANAGING RECRUITMENT PROCESS

RFP No. 283 Dated.29/01/2025

CAD-2428: OREDA Limited invites bids under single stage two-part bidding system from reputed Consulting Firms/ Agencies for consultancy services to conduct and manage the recruitment process as per the Scope of Work in the tender document.

Bid Security Deposit (EMD) (In Rs.)	Non-refundable Cost of Bid Document (In Rs.)
Rs. 2, 50,000 /- (Rupees Two Lakh Fifty Thousand) only to be submitted in shape of Demand Draft)	Rs. 10,000 + 18% GST (Rupees Eleven Thousand Eight Hundred) only to be submitted in the shape of Demand Draft)

The Schedule of Event is given below:

SL No	Events	Schedule
1	Date of Publication of Request for Proposal (RFP) on E-Procurement Website and OREDA Limited Website	01.02.2025
2	Due date and time for receipt of pre-bid queries on the RFP	10.02.2025
3	Date and time for the pre-bid meeting	12.02.2025 at 4.00 PM
4	Due date & time for submission of online copies of Technical Bid and Price Bid	27.02.2025 by 5.00 PM
5	Due date and time for submission of hard copies of Technical Bid for Select Bid Forms only	03.03.2025 by 5.00 PM
6	Due date and time for the opening of Technical Bid for both online copies , except Price Bid	03.03.2025 at 3.00 PM
7	Due date and time for the opening of online Price Bid applicable only for the Bidders whose Technical Bids shall be responsive.	To be intimated Later

Tender documents can also be downloaded from the official website of **OREDA** Limited **www.oredaodisha.com.** The authority reserves the right to accept or reject any or all of the offers without assigning any reason thereof.

Note: Bidders are requested to regularly visit official website of **OREDA LIMITED *www.oredaodisha.com & www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA*"** for amendment /corrigendum (if any) / important notice etc. relating to this tender.

Sd/-
Chief Executive Officer

OIPR-04065/11/0037/2425

IN THE COURT OF THE VIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH 15)

O.S No.7835/2023

BETWEEN: Sri HIMALAYAN BASHA @ AHESAN PASHA, S/o Late Abdul Basheer Sab, Aged 52 years, Residing at No. 17, Lal Masjid "A" Street, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru 560 051... **PLAINTIFF**

AND: Sri LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDY @LN REDDY Others ...**DEFENDANTS**

SUMMONS TO PROPOSED DEFENDANT NO.4,5,16,19 AND 20 U/O 5 RULE 20 OF CPC

PROPOSED DEFENDANTS: To, 4. SRI ALI @ ROWDYSHEETER ALI, S/o Not known to plaintiff, Aged about 46 years, Residing at No. 3 & 4, Aqua Fort Apartment, Kensington Road, Bengaluru-560 008. **5. AFSAR PASHA@GOONDA AFSAR,** S/o not known to plaintiff, Aged about 32 years, Residing at No. 3 & 4, Aqua Fort Apartment, Kensington Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560 008., **16. Sri K MANJUNATHA,** S/o Late K Krishnappa, Aged about 44 years, **19. SMT. K. SHYLAJA,** D/o Late M. Krishnappa, W/o Ramaswamy, Aged about 43 years, **20. SRI M. VENKATAPPA,** S/o Late Munishamappa, Aged about 79 years, Both are residing at Sy. No. 34/3 of Nagavara village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk Govindapura, Veerannapalya Main Road, Arabic collage post, Bangalore 560 045.

Whereas, the Plaintiff has filed the above suit against you and other defendants for the relief of permanent injunction in respect of the schedule property and made an application U/O 1 Rule 10(2) R/W Section 151 of CPC to implead you all as defendants No.4,5, 16, 19 & 20 in the above suit and the case is posted for your appearance on **24-02-2025** at 11:00 A.M before the court of the VIII Additional City Civil Judge, at Bengaluru (CCH-15)

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on the said date by in person or by a pleader/advocate to answer to the question of the same.

Take notice that if you fail to appear on that day in the above case, the case will be proceeded and determined in your absence placing you as Ex-parte.

SCHEDULE A PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 34/2, measuring 1 acre 11 guntas along with 6 guntas of kharab situated at Nagavara Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by : Rajakaluve Storm water drain now burial ground , North by: Land in Sy No. 34/1, South by: Land in Sy. No. 34/3

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 34/2, measuring 18 guntas situated at Nagavara Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the: East by : Road, West by: Remaining property of plaintiff, North by: Land in Sy No. 34/1 and, South by: Land in Sy. No. 34/3

SCHEDULE C PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy No. 34/2, measuring 33 guntas situated at Nagavara Village, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore and bounded on the: East by : Remaining property of plaintiff, West by : Rajakaluve (Storm water drain now burial ground, North by Remaining land of plaintiff Land in Sy No. 34/1, South by : Road remaining portion of Sy. No. 34/2 and then Land bearing Sy. No. 34/3

Given under my signature and seal of the court on 28-01-2025

By order of the court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court at Bangalore.

SRI J.V. SRINIVAS, Advocate
No. 132, Opp. to Primary Health Centre, Near Ambedkar Institute of Technology, TKengunte, Bangalore - 560 056. Cell:99452 13130.

MANGALORE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka undertaking)
Corporate Office, "MESCOM BHAVANA", Bejai, Mangalore - 575 004
Ph: 0824-2885795 CIN: U40109 KA 2002 SGC 030425

No.: E-142885 Date: 24.01.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION (THROUGH E-PROCUREMENT PORTAL ONLY)

MESCOM invites tender for Manufacture & Supply of following material:

Tender No	Name of the Material proposed for Procurement	Quantity
MESCOM/ 2024-25/IND0107	HG Fuse Units	5000 Sets

The interested eligible bidders may log on to **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **01.02.2025**

DIPR/ADM/KSMCA/1279/24-25 dt. 31.01.2025

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer (Ele) (Procurement)

For Power Related Complaints & Assistance Call Toll Free Number 1912

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

Doddakannahalli Branch(2757)
RBD(Rain Bow Drive)Layout, Commercial Complex, Unit No.9, Sarjapur Main, Doddakannahalli, Carmalram Post, Sarjapura Road, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore -560035. E-Mail: Cb2757@canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE

[Rule - 8(1)] (For immovable Property)

Whereas The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank Doddakannahalli Branch (2757)** under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice 13(2) dated **21-11-2024** calling upon the **Borrower/s: 1. M/s Sri Thirumala Tyres (Represented by its proprietor Sri. Mr Anand C N (hereinafter referred to as the "Borrower") 2. Mr Anand C N** S/o Late Narayana Reddy, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.37,15,881.27** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Fifteen Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty One and paisa Twenty Seven Only) plus interest and charges thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **28-01-2025 (Twenty Nineth day of January of the year 2025).**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.18,39,300.27** (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Thirty Nine Thousands Three Hundred And Paisa Twenty Seven Only) as on **27-01-2025** plus interest and charges thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Secured Assets:

Name of Title holder: M/s Sri Thirumala Tyres Represented by its Proprietor Sri. Anand C N.

Movable: Hypothecation of Stocks, **Cersai Security ID:** 400054147398,

Name of Title holder: Smt Nagarathnamma W/o Late Narayana Reddy

Immovable : All that piece and parcel of the portion of Agriculture land bearing Sy No 5/5 measuring an extent of 01.1 Guntas out of 01 acres 22 ¾ guntas situated at Chikkanayakanahalli Village Varthur Hobli Bangalore East Taluk, later converted for residential purpose as per the official memorandum No. ALN(EVH) SR-687/07-08 dated 10/11/2018, passed by the Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District Bangalore and assigned Site No 24 measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet, in all 1200 sq ft as per the layout plan approved by the President Doddakannahalli Village Panchat, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently falling in the administrative jurisdiction of Halanayakannahalli Village Panchayat Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore and assigned E Khata No 105200402300420071 and bounded on the East by : Road, West by : Site #23, North by : Site #25, South by : Road.

Cersai Security ID: 400054147001.

Date : 31.01.2025
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

Indian Overseas Bank

JAYANAGAR V BLOCK BRANCH, 251/62,9th Main, V Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560041.
Phone No.080-22950346, E-mail: iob0346@iob.in

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E-AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR E- AUCTION FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES Sale of immovable properties mortgaged to Bank under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (No. 54 of 2002) whereas, the Authorized Officer of Indian Overseas Bank has taken possession of the following properties pursuant to the notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 in the following loan account with right to sell the same on, **AS IS WHERE IS BASIS and AS IS WHAT IS BASIS** for realization of Bank's dues plus interest & costs as detailed hereunder and whereas consequent upon failure to repay the dues, the undersigned in exercise of power conferred under Section 13(4) of the said Act proposes to realize the Bank's dues by sale of the said properties. The sale will be done by the undersigned through e-auction platform provided at the Web Portal **https://ebkray.in**

Name & address of the Borrowers:- 1. Mr. Vikranth V.Y, Flat No. 221, F Block, II Floor, Garadi Apartments, K.R.Road, Tata Silk Farm, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004. And also at: 11-H, Block B, 11th Floor, Vahe Imperial Garden, Gunjur Village, Varthur, Bangalore-560087. And also at: Nuance Studio, 290A, 4th Floor, 34th Cross, 9th Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560041. **2. Mrs. Vyshnavi Vikranth,** Flat No. 221, F Block, II Floor, Garadi Apartments, K.R.Road, Tata Silk Farm, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004. And also at: 11-H, Block B, 11th Floor, Vahe Imperial Garden, Gunjur Village, Varthur, Bangalore-560087. And also at: Nuance Studio, 290A, 4th Floor, 34th Cross, 9th Main Road, Jayanagar 4th Block, Bangalore-560041.

Date of NPA: 27-07-2024 **Date of Demand notice: 29-07-2024**

Dues claimed in Demand Notice: Rs.68,92,858.03 as on 29.07.2024 with further interest & costs.

Date of possession notice: 23-10-2024

Dues claimed in Possession Notice: Rs.70,05,996.03 as on 23.10.2024 with further interest & costs less repayments, if any, made after issuance of demand notice.

Outstanding dues as on 31.01.2025 is Rs.72,75,787.03 with further interest & costs till the date of repayment in full.

***Local Self Government (Property Tax, Water sewerage, Electricity Bills etc.): Not known**

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY:- All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.11-H, in B Block and situated in 11th Floor of the residential apartment building by name **"VAHE IMPERIAL GARDENS",** apartment measuring SBUA - 1410 Sq.Ft. along with UDS of 465 Sq. Ft. including proportionate share in common areas, passages, lobbies, staircases and other areas of common use with 1 covered car parking in upper basement area and **bounded on the: East by:** Road, **West by:** Flat 11.L, **North by:** Flat 11.G, **South by:** Flat 11.J. This property is in the name of Mr. Vikranth V.Y. and Mrs. Vyshnavi Vikranth.

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

Sr. No.	Security Details	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Bid Increase Amt.
1	Immovable Property as mentioned above	Rs. 67,82,400/-	Rs. 6,78,240/-	Rs. 50,000/-

Date & Time of auction: 19-02-2025, 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM

Bid increase amount: Rs.50,000/- **Auto extension time: 10 minutes**

Known Encumbrance if any: NIL

Inspection Date & Time: during office hours from 10:00 AM till 05:00 PM, from 05-02-2025 to 12-02-2025.

***Bank's dues have priority over the statutory dues**

For terms and conditions please visit: **https://www.iob.in/e-Auctions.aspx, https://www.publishtenders.gov.in, https://ebkray.in/eauction-psb/bidder-registration** (web portal of e-auction Service provider)

Date: 31-01-2025, Place: Bengaluru Sd/- Authorized Officer, Indian Overseas Bank

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केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government Of India Undertaking)

Regional Office West
Chitrapur Mutt Complex, Malleswaram, 15th Cross, Bangalore-560055.

DEMAND NOTICE [SECTION 13(2)]
TO BORROWERS/ GUARANTORS/MORTGAGORS

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer **of Canara Bank, Regional Office West** had issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Security Interest Act 2002 by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) to the addresses furnished to the Bank as mentioned below. Since the notice has not been acknowledged and returned due to non-availability of addresses at the said addresses / due to evading of service of the notices sent by RPAD, notice could not be served. The contents of the said notice are mentioned herein below.

1. Name and Address of the Borrowers / Co-Borrowers/ Mortgagors /Guarantors: (1) M/s Lanvin Exports, (2) Mr M Sageer Ahmed (Proprietor/Mortgagor) S/o Mr S A Khader, **Both are residing at:** No.15, Ist Phase, 2nd Main Road, West Of Chord Road, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-560 010, **(3) Mrs K H Mumtaz Begum (Mortgagor/Guarantor)** W/o Mr T Abdul Rehman, **No.19, Lubbay Masjid Cross, Civil Station, Opp Commercial Street, Bengaluru-560 001.**

[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

Sl. No.	Loan No	Nature of Loan/Limit	Date of sanction/ Renewal	Sanction Amount	Liability With Interest as on 28.01.2025	Rate of Interest
1	04281540000010	Packing Credit Loan (PCL) Limit - 1,15,00,000/- Post Shipment Credit (FUBP) Limit - 3,50,00,000/- Post Shipment Credit (FUBP-adhoc) Limit -30,60,000/-	27.02.2006	Rs. 4,95,60,000/-	Rs. 39,37,31,749/-	16.10% per annum
2	04281540000025					
3	04281540000030					
4	04281540000044					
5	04281540000059					
6	04281540000063					
7	04281540000078					
8	04281540000082					
9	04281540000097					
10	04281540000102					
11	04281540000117					
12	04281540000121					
13	04281540000136					
14	04281540000140					
15	04281540000155					
16	04281540000160					
17	04281570000113					
18	04281570000128					
19	04281570000132					
20	04281570000147					
21	04281570000151					

Total Liability Amount: Rs. 39,37,31,749/- (Rupees Thirty Nine Crores Thirty Seven Lakhs Thirty One Thousand Seven Hundred and Forty Nine Only) as on **28.01.2025** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

NPA Date : 09.04.2007 **Demand Notice Dated : 28.01.2025**

Details of security assets Immovable Property Details

(1) All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No 17, situated at II Main, Ist Stage, Ist Phase, West of Chord Road Extension, Bangalore-560 010 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 45 feet and bounded on the : East by : Site No 18, West by : Site No 16, North by : Site No 9, South by : Road.

Name of the title Holder : Mr M Sageer Ahmed.

(2) All that piece and parcel of the property, bearing Old No 86-89 and 90, northern half of the premises, present Municipal Corporation No 79 and 80 situated at Lubbay Masjid Street, Ebrahim Sahib Street Cross, Civil Station, Bangalore-560 001 measuring on the East 15'6" or 4.72 meters, on West 19' or 5.79 meters, on the North 54'8" or 16.65 meters and South by 29'6" or 9 meters plus 25' or 8.15 meters, total area 950 sft and bounded on the: East by : Premises No 17, C No 2 Street, West by : Lubbay Masjid Street, North by : Conservancy Lane, South by : Southern half of the same premises allotted to Mrs Imtiaz Banu.

Name of the title Holder : Mrs K H Mumtaz Begum.

You are here by called upon to pay **Canara Bank,** within a period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, the respective amount mentioned here above, failing which **Canara Bank** will take necessary action under the provisions of the said Act, against the secured assets including taking possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers and the Guarantors. The powers available to **Canara Bank** under the Act include (i) power to take possession of the secured assets of the Borrowers / Guarantors / Mortgagors including the rights to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realising secured assets and any transfer of secured assets by **Canara Bank** shall vest in the transferee rights in or in relation to, the secured asset transferred as if the transfer has been made by you. In terms of the provisions of section 13(13) of the said Act, you are hereby prohibited from transferring, either by way of sale, lease or otherwise (other than in the ordinary course of your business), any of the secured assets as referred to in the Demand Notice and also Hypothecated / Mortgaged to the bank without prior written consent of the Bank. The notice is issued in terms of Section (13)2 of the said Act.

Date :31.01.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified to the general public that my client **Smt. Gangarathna N.C.** has lost the original sale deed dated 03-08-2006 registered as document No. BLN-1-27856/2006-07 and stored in C.D.No. BLND306 in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Laggere, Bengaluru which was executed by Smt.Sarojamma and her children in favour of the earlier owner **Sri.Lingaraju T.M.** in respect of the property now owned by my client.

If anybody finds or comes to know of the said original sale deed may intimate or deliver the same to the undersigned who shall be suitably rewarded. Any claim or right of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property may also be notified to the undersigned.

Sd/-
Mohanadasa N., Advocate,
No.3944/A, 2nd Cross, 'B' Block, Rajajinagar 2nd Stage, Subrahmanyanagar, Bengaluru - 560021
Mobile Nos. 9448129391 or 9886776714

PUBLIC NOTICE

LOSS OF DOCUMENT

My client **Tata Capital Housing Finance Limited Rep by its Operation Manager Sri. Nitin Kumar M,** O/a. No.82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Tower, Richmond Road, Bangalore-560025 had lost the following title Documents:

Sale Deed executed by **Sri. Mallaradhya B M and Another** in favour of **Sri. Viswanathan Nair** registered as Document **No.BDH-1-04431/2010-11**, Book-1 in the office of Sub Registrar Bidarahalli.

If any person finds the aforesaid Original Deed kindly handover the same to my address mentioned hereunder if any claim, interest and rights over the Schedule Property can file a objection before the below mentioned address or the person within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice and the same has been reported to the Concerned Police Station **Dated 15-01-2025 bearing No. 1429475/2025.**

SCHEDULE PROPERTY:

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No. 6, House List Khatha No.115, BBMP "B" Farm Sl. No. 436, Situated at Byrathi, Bidarahalli Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, now comes under the jurisdiction of BBMP and measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 20 Feet, in all measuring 800 Sq. Ft. and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 5, **South by :** Muni Reddy.

Mohan Ram B R, Advocate
No. 47/1, Austin Plaza, Austin Town, Neelasandra, Bangalore-560047.
Contact No. 8722671564
Dated : 30-01-2025, Bengaluru

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR LOST OF DOCUMENTS

This is to inform general public that, my Client Mr.Sridhara Kallur Ramdas S/o K.S.Ramdas, Resident of No.2493/A, 10th A main, D Block, 2nd Stage, Rajajinagar, Bangalore - 560010, has irretrievable lost the original tax receipts and Sale Deed dated:18/06/2012 executed by G.Thimmaiah in favour of Mohan Raj.V, Registered as Document No:RRN-1-01035-2012-13, CD No: RRND-80, registered at the office of the Sub Registrar Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore in respect of schedule property. My Client Has Lodged a Police Complaint for lost article on 23/01/2025 under acknowledgment issued by the Bangalore City Police, bearing SL No.1443741, Lost Report No.1443741/2025.

If any person/s found the said original sale deed and tax receipts, please come forward with in a period of **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice and hand over the same to the under signed. If anyone has already carried out any transaction or any transaction is in the process of being carried out using the missing documents, kindly inform the undersigned party in writing at the below mentioned address **within 07 days** from this paper publication. Else there won't be any further claims from thereon.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property Bearing Site No.76, old khatha No.58/1 and 58/2, New No.1794, Jeevan Deepa Residential Layout of Pattanagere Village Kengeri Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South:30Feet, in all measuring 1500 Square Feet and property being bounded:

East by : 30 feet road **West by :** Site No.97
North by: Site No.77 **South by :** Site No.75

S. NAGESH, Advocate
Office at No.5, 1st Floor, 3rd Main, KHM Block, Ganganagar, R.T. Nagar Post, Bangalore-560 032. (Mob)7899365229.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our clients are negotiating to purchasethe Schedule Property from its owner, Mr. Bherumal Jain S/o late Hastimaji, Aged 56 years, residing at No. 6/7-18, 3rd Main Road, Madivala Extension, Hosur Road, Bangalore 560068.

The owner has represented that the schedule property was purchased by him from Smt. Marakka, along with her children and grandchildren, and Mr. Pilla Nanjaiah, along with his son, through a sale deed dated May 30, 2006, registered as Document No. MSG-1-00588-2006-07 of Book I, stored in MGDD18, in the office of the Sub-Registrar, Magadi.

The public is hereby invited to file any objections to this transaction. Any person(s), banks, financial institutions, or members of the public who have any claims or rights of any nature whatsoever over the schedule property are hereby called upon to submit their claims in writing, along with copies of the supporting documents, to the undersigned within 7 days of this notice. Failure to do so will lead our clients to assume that there are no claims, and they will proceed with the purchase of the property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All piece and parcel of land bearing new Survey No. 62 (Old Sy No. 45/P1) measuring 7 Acres 20 Guntas situated at Thirumalapura Village, SoluruHobli, Magadi Taluk, Bangalore and bounded by:

East by : Remaining property of Sy No. 45
West by : Land bearing Sy No. 43
North by : Road
South by : Road

P. D SURANA & MUKESH SURANA, Advocates
SURANA & Co
No. 58, 2nd Floor, Next to TATA Consumer Ltd, Railway Parallel Road, Kumarakrupa West, Seshadripuram, Bangalore- 560 020

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify to the general public that, My clients **Mrs.T.C.MEERA, Mr.VADIRAJA.R.YERI and Mrs. VIJAYASHREE.** I both address at Flat No. 302, Third Floor, Iris Block, Pavani Residency, Dodaballapura Road, Puttenahalli, Yelahanka, Bengaluru-560064 Mobile No. +91 90351 16143 and they are intending to purchase Schedule Property (herein under referred) have enter into Agreement of Sell dated 08.01.2025 executed by present owner Mrs.Geetha Balakumar and she had acquired ownership of Schedule Property in Sale Deed dated 28.03.2006 Doc No.YAN-1-18709/2005-06 in Book No.1, at the office of Senior Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bengaluru.

If any person/s claiming any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to said Schedule property and/or any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and/or objections in writing to the undersigned address together with supporting documents within **15 (Fifteen) days** hereof, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the sale transaction with the aforesaid owner subject to compliance with other statutory and legal formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Flat No.103, in First Floor of 'BLUE BELLS BLOCK' in Apartment complex Known as "PAVANI RESIDENCY", flat having BBMP Khatha No.189/66/53/1/45/103, BBMP PID No.5191419959, meg 1495 Square Feet with One Covered Car Parking area at Basement Floor in the said Apartment constructed on Plot No.9 portion of Municipal Khatha No.27/45, situated at Puttenahalli Village, BBMP Ward No.3-Attur, Yelahanka, Bengaluru along with flat having 449/25190 share of undivided interest in the entire land of said plot No.9.

Mr.RUDRASWAMY.G.M AND Mr.NAVEEN KUMAR.L, Advocates Associates, #27, Palace Guttahalli, 2nd Cross, Palace Guttahalli, Malleshwaram, BENGALURU-03 **Mob : 9986833635**

KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL, FIC Division No-2, Horti-586117
E-mail ID: kbjnlhortidivision@gmail.com

No: KBJNL/FIC/Div-2/PB/HRLIS-Stage-III/2024-25/495 Dated:30.01.2025

CORRIGENDUM (Through KPP Portal Only)

Reference: This office Tender Notification Nos: KBJNL/FICD-2/PB/HRLIS-III/2024-25/421 Datef: 31.12.2024

In continuation with this office tender notification cited reference above, due to technical reasons the under signed issues the fillowing corrigendum for the work KBJNL/2024-25/IW/WORK_INDENT1390. The revised calendar of events is detailed as follows:

Calendar of Events

No	Event	Scheduled Date	Revised Date
1.	Last date of receipt of tenders	30.01.2025 up to 5.00 PM	07.02.2025 up to 5.00 PM
2.	Opening of Technical Bid	03.02.2025 up to 11.00AM	10.02.2025 up to11.00 AM
3.	Opening of Finanical Bid	05.02.2025 up to 11.00AM	12.02.2025 up to11.00 AM

For further Tender corrigendum information and details,visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in and can contact the office of the undersigned during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, KBJNL, FIC Division No.2, Horti

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(ಮೂಲಸೌಲಭ್ಯ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ, ಬಂದರು ಮತ್ತು ಒಳನಾಡು ಜಲಸಾರಿಗೆ ಇಲಾಖೆ)
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No.KMB-61/WKS-II/2022

Office of the Chief Executive Officer,
Karnataka Maritime Board.
Baithkol, Karwar-581302
Dated: 30.01.2025

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (4TH CALL)

Rates Quotations in sealed cover/e-procurementare invited by the undersigned from the Reputed, Bonafide, Resourceful&Experienced firms/contractors/manufacturers who are having similar nature of work experience for the details mentioned below for **"Supply, Replacement. installation. testing and commissioning of a UV Stabilized polyethylene Navigation channel marking Buovmooring structures/assembliesat Karwar Port" (Indent No: IDD/2024-25/PREQUAL TENDER NUMBER 18)/CALL-4**

Submit your completed finished rates, excluding of GST and inclusive of all applicable taxes. prevailing at the time of your quotation to the undersigned before **06.02.2025.** This sealed quotation rates are purely **for preparation of estimate/budgetary purpose only.**

The detail specification of required buoys for the Karwar Port in **Appendix-X.** Please go through the same before submitting your quotation.

For any further information please contact the following address.

1. E-mail: piwtdev.wks@gmail.com
2. Phone No. 08382-221494/221035
3. Fax No.: 08382-228918

Sd/-
Port Engineer
Karnataka-Maritime Board
Karwar

KARNATAKA INDUSTRIAL AREAS DEVELOPMENT BOARD

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
 # 49, East Wing, 4th & 5th Floor, Khanija Bhavan Race Course Road
Bengaluru – 560 001. Phone No. 080-22265383 website : www.kiadb.in

IADB/ENGG/ETND-EP-45/2799/2024-25 **Date: 31.01.2025**

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Item Rate Tender under two cover bid system is invited as per the Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement Act 1999 and Rules 2000 through electronic procurement from eligible Contractors who have got adequate financial resources, state of the art technology, suitable construction equipments, technical man power & sufficient past experience for the following work as per the schedule given below:

Name of the Work : Arranging Power Supply to 2 MLD CETP and 0.5 MLD STP plat at Apparel Park Industrial Area, Doddaballapura Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

The last date and time of receipt of tender is : **18.02.2025** upto **4.30 pm.**

Applicants May Download Bidding Documents from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.**

Sd/-
Chief Engineer-1, KIADB Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/4701/Zen/2024-25

Bank of Baroda

बैंक ऑफ़ बड़ौदा Bank of Baroda

Basaveshwaranagar Branch
No. 119, 1st Floor, 80 Feet Road, KHB Colony, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore - 560079
080-23201561/23201562

NOTICE TO BORROWER

Notice issued under section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, r.w. Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the Authorised Officer of Bank has issued demand notice on 15.11.2024 under section 13(2) of the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002. r.w. Rule 3(1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the Borrower/Guarantors (hereinafter referred as "You") in the account, as mentioned hereunder, to pay the Bank's dues in full and discharge their liabilities to the Bank, within 60 days from the date of the said notice/s. The said notice/s returned undelivered. The contents of the demand notice/s sent to the Borrower/ Guarantors are as under:

Name of the Borrower/ Guarantor	Nature and Type of Credit Facility	Rate of Interest	Amount O/s per Demand Notice	Date of NPA
(1) M/s SVK Power Solutions Represented by its partners Mr Shivaprasad S & Mrs Padmini B M # 69 (519 D) 1st Main Road , 2nd Block, Dr Raj Kumar Road , Rajajinagar, Bangalore-560010 **(2) Mr Shivaprasd S (Guarantor)** residing at #35 Manjunatha Nagar, Attur Main Road, Near Swami Vivekanand School, Bangalore 560064) **(3) Mrs Padmini BM (Guarantor)** residing at #16 Beereshwara naagr, Chunchaghatta main road, Bangalore South, Bommanahalli, Bangalore Karnataka 560068)	Term Loan Account no 74690600 001779	BRLLR+ 1.25% i.e., at present 10.40%	Rs. 28,38,490.38 plus further interest and charges, if any till the realization of the dues in full. [O/s as on 15.11.2024 (inclusive of interest up to 09.11.2024)]	28.10.2024

Brief Description of the Secured Assets and Security Agreement:

Memorandum of deposit of title deeds vide document no.BK I-4517/2019-20 dated 10.10.2019.

Schedule Property : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No 94 , "E" Khata No150200100401400346, New Property No 380/94 , formed in Sy. No. 73 , Village Panchayath Khata No 380 , duly Converted Vide Order of the Special Deputy Commissioner , Bangalore District bearing No.ALN(AJ)SR:122/2006-07, situated at Mahanthalingapura Village , Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk , Bangalore District in the layout known as " FORTUNE LAKE VIEW ", in which layout has been approved by the Anekal Town Planning Authority , its Vide Approval bearing No . APA/LAO/07/2007-08 , Dated : 22/08/2007 , in all measuring : 1750 Sq.ft., with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and in the name of Mrs.Padmini B M (Guarantor for above said loan) and bounded on the : East by :Road, West by: Private Property, North by: Site No .95, South by: Private Property .

DP Note, Letter of Continuing Security, Composite Hypothecation Agreement, General form of Guarantee, Undertaking, Modification Deed for restructuring of loans.

The copy of aforesaid notice/s has been affixed on the outer door /conspicuous part of the house/ building of the Borrower/Guarantor. Further, notice is hereby given to "you" to pay in full and discharge your liabilities to the Bank aggregating **Rs.28,38,490.38** (Rupees Twenty Eight Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and Thirty Eight Paise Only) as on **15.11.2024** (inclusive of interest up to **09.11.2024**) plus expenses and further interest, as stated here in above, within 60 days from the date of the publication this notice. We further give you notice that failing payment of the above amount with interest till the date of payment, we shall be free to exercise all or any of the rights under sub-section (4) of section 13 of the said Act, which please note. Further, in terms of Section 13(13) of the Act, you shall not transfer the secured assets aforesaid without banks prior consent.

Date : 30.01.2025
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Chief Manager
Bank of Baroda

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client intends to purchase the Schedule Property Situated at Situated at Vaddahalli Village, Kaivara Hobli, Chinthamani Taluk, from **1) SRI. B. S. MUNIKRISHNAPPA** S/o. Sri. Sambaiah **2) SRI. B. SRINIVASA** S/o. Late. Beerappa **3) SRI. B. S. RAMACHANDRA** S/o. Sri. Sambaiah **4) SRI. B.S. NARAYANASWAMY** S/o. Sri. Sambaiah, all are residing at Vaddahalli Village, Kaivara Hobli, Chinthamani Taluk.

Any person having any objection

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Hyderabad Toofans to face Bengal Tigers in HIL final

Shrachi Rarh Bengal Tigers booked their place in the final of the Hockey India League, defeating Tamil Nadu Dragons 6-5 in a dramatic penalty shoot out in Rourkela on Friday. In the second semifinal, Hyderabad Toofans thrashed Soorma Hockey Club 3-1 to set up the summit clash with the Tigers scheduled on Saturday.

All-round India win T20I series

Hardik, Dube resurrect hosts after they were reduced to 12 for three in two overs in Pune

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

IN the end it was a stroll in the park for the hosts. The evening did not start as India would have liked. They were reeling at 12/3 after two overs with England pacer Saqib Mahmood striking thrice in his first over of the fourth T20I at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Pune on Friday. Then came a minor recovery. Abhishek Sharma (29) and Rinku Singh (30) though provided some solidity in the middle but departed in quick successions as the hosts were reduced to 79/5 inside 11 overs.

This was followed by big stand when Hardik Pandya joined forces with Shivam Dube, who made it to the playing XI replacing all-rounder Washington Sundar. The duo after settling in plundered runs at will as India amassed 102 runs from the remaining nine overs to post a formidable total of 181/9. The total proved enough for them as England fell short by 15 runs. Pandya had been struggling for big knocks and this would have given him the necessary boost.

It was Pandya, who led the onslaught hammering four sixes and as many fours to shift the momentum in India's favour. Dube's innings was laced with seven fours and two sixes. It all began in the 13th overs with Pandya despatching pacer Brydon Carse for two consecutive fours. Dube then hit Adil Rashid for a four and a six in the next over as India crossed 100 runs. Mahmood was in the firing line next as Pandya launched him for two huge sixes. Jofra Archer conceded 17 runs in the next over while Jamie Overton went for 20 after him. The last ball of the over, however, saw Pandya being dismissed much to the relief of the England. Both Pandya and Dube scored 53 runs each. In reply, England started well scoring 62 in the powerplay.

(Above) Shivam Dube & Hardik Pandya (R) added 87 runs for the 6th wicket. England pacer Saqib Mahmood | AFP

However, openers Phil Salt and Ben Duckett got out soon after to hand over advantage to India. The hosts also saw pacer Harshit Rana replace Dube as concussion substitute and it worked in their favour with the former claiming three wickets. Whether it was a like to like substitute remained debatable. Spinner Ravi Bishnoi scalped three.

Earlier, the hosts made three changes to their side bringing in Rinku, who missed two matches with injury, in place of Dhruv Jurel. Arshdeep Singh replaced Mohammed Shami while Dube came in for Sundar. England, meanwhile, rested Mark Wood for Mahmood and brought back Jacob Bethell for Jamie Smith.

Once skipper Jos Buttler won the toss, he had no hesitation in inviting India to bat. Mahmood, who could not obtain travel document in time as he has Pakistan heritage and had to miss England training camp in the UAE ahead of the series, gave a dream start to the visitors.

With the win, Suryakumar and Co have taken an unassailable 3-1 lead in the five-match series. **Brief scores:** India 181/9 in 20 ovs (Duber 53, Hardik 53; Mahmood 3/35, Overton 2/32) **bt** England 166 in 19.4 ovs (Brook 51; Bishnoi 3/28, Rana 3/33).

Ranji Trophy: Karnataka miss out on a berth for knockouts

ENS/AGENCIES @Chennai

KARNATAKA'S tiny hopes of entering the Ranji Trophy knockouts from Elite Group C was dissipated along with Haryana skipper Ankit Kumar's smooth hundred in Bengaluru on Friday. Ankit's 118 (154b, 19x4) guided Haryana to 232 for five at close on Day 2 at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, leaving them trailing the hosts by 72 runs.

Earlier, Karnataka, starting from overnight 267 for five, lost five wickets quickly and were bowled out for 304 in their first innings on a rather placid pitch. In fact, once Haryana avoided the follow-on mark of 154, they have assured a berth in the Ranji Trophy quarterfinals for the first time since the 2016-17 season, when they had lost to Jharkhand. This is the first time Karnataka are missing a place in the knockouts since the 2015-16 season. Karnataka still can force a favourable result against Haryana here, but stand no chance to gain a bonus point which was crucial to their progress to the quarterfinals. The eight-time champions will end up with 25 points in the event of a win here, but Haryana already have 26 points.

Haryana's Ankit Kumar rejoices after reaching century on Friday | ALLEN EGENUSEJ

SELECT SCORES

At Mumbai: Meghalaya 86 & 27/2 vs Mumbai 671/7 decl in 140.5 ovs (Siddhesh 145, Rahane 96, Akash 103, Mulani 100 n.o, Shardul 84). **At Vadodara:** J&K 246 & 125/1 in 41 ovs (S Khajuria 67 n.o) vs Baroda 166 in 62.1 ovs (Shivalik 64; Lotra 4/26). **At Cuttack:** Odisha 180 & 167/3 in 50.5 ovs (Swain 64 n.o) vs Services 199 in 54.4 ovs (Chauhan 120; Mohanty 5/68). **At Delhi:** Railways 241 vs Delhi 334/7 in 96 ovs (Badoni 99, Sumit 78 n.o; Sangwan 2/46). **At Rajkot:** Saurashtra 474 in 117 ovs (Pujara 99, Desai 130, Gajjar n.o) vs Assam 164 in 41 ovs (Parag 51, Hussain 46 n.o; DS Jadeja 4/61) & 67/1 in 18 ovs. **At Jamshedpur:** Jharkhand 185 & 154 in 48.4 ovs (U Singh 35; Aditya 35; Sai Kishore 5/43) vs TN 106 & 137/5 in 41 ovs (M Ali 44, V Shankar 33 n.o; Manishi 3/36). **At Bengaluru:** Karnataka: 304 in 101 ovs (Mayank 91, Padikkal 43; Anshul Kamboj 4/32, Anuj Thakral 4/88) vs Haryana: 232/5 in 66 ovs (A Kumar 118; Y Parantap 2/42). **At Thumba:** Kerala 351 bt Bihar 64 in 23.1 ovs (Jalaj Saxena 5/19) & 118 in 41.1 ovs (S Gani 31; Jalaj Saxena 5/34, Adiya Sarvate 3/27). **At Indore:** MP 670/7 decl in 160 ovs (H Gawli 258, S Sharma 208) vs UP 95/0 in 15 ovs.

Delhi in control

Skipper Ayush Badoni's audacious 99 helped Delhi take the first innings lead against Railways after pacer Himanshu Sangwan got the coveted wicket of Virat Kohli on day two of their Group D match in New Delhi on Friday.

Resuming the day at 41/1, Delhi were able to get past Railways' 241 courtesy a 133-run stand between Badoni (99 off 77) and Sumit Mathur (78 not out off 189). At stumps, Delhi had taken a 93-run lead by reaching 334/7. Earlier, pacer Himanshu Sangwan had cleaned up Kohli for 6.

Kerala enter knockouts

At Thumba, Kerala walloped Bihar by an innings and 169 runs inside two days to go on top of Group C with 28 points.

Kerala had begun the match on 21 points and they gained seven points, including one bonus point for an innings victory. The win ensured Kerala reach the quarterfinals.

Odisha concede lead

Ravi Chauhan scored 120 as Services take a slender 19-run lead against Odisha on Day 2 at Cuttack. Rajesh Mohanty claimed five while Tapas Das scalped three for Odisha. In the second innings, the hosts fared better scoring 166/3 at stumps.

Tricky chase for Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu fought back as Sai Kishore and Ajith Ram claimed five and four wickets respectively to bowl out Jharkhand for 154 in their second essay.

Chasing a target of 234, the visitors were 137/5 at stumps. The one thing that worked in Tamil Nadu's favour was Chandigarh conceding first innings lead against Chhattisgarh in another Group D match. Given the situation, Tamil Nadu can still make it to the knockouts despite a loss here.

Hyderabad take command

Opener Tanmay Agarwal slammed 136 as Hyderabad scored 326 in their first innings to take a lead of 136 against hosts Vidarbha. Vidarbha were 56/2 when the bails were drawn on Day 2.

Andhra stay in game

Manav Suthar (4 wickets) along with Khaleel Ahmed (3) and Aniket Choudhary (2) made sure Rajasthan bundle out Andhra for 220 runs in their first innings and take crucial first innings lead.

Lutho Sipamla was the standout bowler for Joburg Super Kings on Thursday

Super Kings win to stay in hunt for SA20 playoffs

AGENCIES @ Johannesburg

JOBURG Super Kings maintained challenge for a place in the Betway SA20 playoffs with a victory over the table-topping Paarl Royals at the Wanderers on Thursday evening.

Super Kings remain in fourth place, but are now level on 19 points (before Friday's match) with the third-placed Sunrisers Eastern Cape. The defending champions are ahead of the Super Kings based on having earned more bonus points.

Captain Faf du Plessis led the charge with a stroke-filled 87 off 55 balls (4x4, 7x6) as the Super Kings cruised past the Royals' 150/9 with seven wickets to spare. "We needed that. Was a big game for us to stay in the competition. Really quality chase that," Du Plessis said.

Bindyarani dominates proceedings, clinches gold medal with record lift

AGENCIES @ Dehradun

MANIPUR'S star weightlifter S Bindyarani Devi set a national record in snatch en route to her gold medal-winning effort in the women's 55kg category at the ongoing National Games here on Friday. Bindyarani, a Commonwealth Games silver medallist, overcame an initial setback in her first attempt at 83kg in the snatch category.

She displayed remarkable resilience, lifting 88kg in her final attempt to break the national record. She broke the record of 86kg held by Mirabai Chanu. But Mirabai's pet event is 49kg. She competed in 55kg only for a brief period. Bindyarani's dominance continued in clean and jerk as well, where she successfully lifted 107kg in her first attempt.

Though she faltered at 112kg in her second attempt, she bounced back with a 113kg lift in her last attempt. Her total lift of 201kg was just one kilogram short of her national record of 202kg. With this victory, Bindyarani now holds all three national records — snatch, clean and jerk, and total lift — in women's 55kg category. "I was well prepared, and I am happy with my performance. It is always nice to get a record in your name. It's good that now both snatch and clean & jerk records are in my name," Bindyarani said.

Adding to Manipur's joy, L Nilam Devi secured the bronze medal, ensuring two podium finishes for the state..

Bindyarani Devi (C), West Bengal's Shrabani Das (R) & Manipur's L Nilam Devi | PTI

Teenager stands tall

World junior champion Parth Mane held his nerves to beat teammate Rudranksh Patil en route the men's 10m air rifle gold as Maharashtra registered a 1-2 finish. Services' Kiran Jadhav won the bronze. The 17-year-old Parth produced a commanding performance to hold the lead after every series barring one.

Dhinidhi's eye-catching run

Haldwani: Fourteen-year-old swimming ace Dhinidhi Desinghu continued her dominant show at Games, securing a fourth gold medal with a win in the women's 50m freestyle event. Representing Karnataka, Dhinidhi finished first with a time of 26.96 seconds, while her teammate Nina Venkatesh took the bronze (27.34s), and Maharashtra's Avantika Chawan claimed the silver (27.28s). In the men's 400m medley, Karnataka's Shoan Ganguly claimed gold (4:29.10) with Gujarat's Aryan Nehra (4:31.81) and Madhya Pradesh's Advait Page (4:35.83) securing the silver and bronze respectively.

Mumbai held by East Bengal in ISL

AGENCIES @ Mumbai

MUMBAI City FC were held to a goalless draw against the East Bengal FC at the Mumbai Football Arena in the Indian Super League on Friday.

This was East Bengal FC's 100th match in the ISL and they have now moved to 10th in table with 18 points from as many games as a consequence of this result. The Islanders, on the other hand, played their seventh draw of the season and are sixth with 28 points from 18 matches, as they were unable to find a breakthrough.

EXPRESS READ

Ministry clears Asian Winter Games team

NEW DELHI: The sports ministry has approved the participation of a strong 88-member Indian contingent for the 9th Asian Winter Games to be held in the Chinese city of Harbin from February 7-14, ending weeks of uncertainty over the size of the group. The contingent will have 59 athletes and 29 team officials in disciplines such as alpine skiing, cross-country skiing, figure skating, short track speed skating, and speed skating (long track) and will receive full funding from the government.

Indian challenge ends at Thailand Masters

BANGKOK: Former World No 1 shuttler Kidambi Srikanth and Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian crashed out of the Thailand Masters Super 300 meet as Indian challenge ended here. While Srikanth lost 17-21, 16-21 against sixth seed Zheng Xing Wang of China, Sankar lost 21-19, 18-21, 13-21 against Xuan Chen Zhu (also of China). Rakshitha Ramraj also went down 21-19, 14-21, 9-21 to Thailand's Thamonwan Nithiittikrai in women's singles match.

India beat England, enter U19 WC final

KUALA LUMPUR: Not worrying about pressure and being "ruthless" have been the hallmark of the Indian team so far as it aims to retain the U19 Women's T20 World Cup here, said left-arm spinner Parunika Sisodia after guiding her side to the final on Friday. India are just win away from retaining the title when they take on South Africa on Sunday and Parunika said the team enters every match with the determination to dominate.

Just one specialist spinner in Pak's squad for CT

LAHORE: Pakistan selectors on Friday sprung a surprise by including just one specialist spinner and picking nine batsmen in their 15-member squad for the Champions Trophy beginning next month. Abrar Ahmed, 26, the only specialist spinner in the squad captained by Mohammad Rizwan, has played four ODIs taking 10 wickets with a best of 4/33.

Pakistan squad: M Rizwan (c), S Ali Agha (vc), B Azam, F Zaman, S Shakeel, K Ghulam, K Shah, T Tahir, U Khan, F Ashraf, S Shah Afridi, H Rauf, N Shah, M Hasnain, A Ahmed.

Big Real Madrid test for Man City in CL play-off

AGENCIES @ Nyon (Switzerland)

REAL Madrid will play Manchester City in the Champions League knockout playoffs round in a standout clash of the past two title winners after the draw was made Friday.

Man City, the 2023 champion, will host the first leg on Feb. 11 or 12 and the return game in Madrid is on Feb. 18 or 19. Madrid won a record-extending 15th European title last season. The winner over two legs advances to the round of 16 to face either Atletico Madrid or Bayer Leverkusen, who placed in the top eight of the new 36-team league standings that ended Wednesday.

Man Utd in Europa last 16

BUSHAREST: RUBEN Amorim said Manchester United's progress to the Europa League last 16 with a 2-0 win over Romanian side FCSB will be vital to his bid to revitalise his troubled team. Amorim's men recovered from a patchy first half in Bucharest to secure the top-eight finish that guaranteed automatic qualification for the last 16 on Thursday. Diogo Dalot broke the deadlock on the hour with a close-range finish from Kobbie Mainoo's cross.

Real Madrid's Kylian Mbappe (R) will be hoping to rise to the occasion | AFP

OTHER DRAWS

Brest (FRA) vs PSG (FRA); Club Brugge (BEL) vs Atalanta (ITA); Man City (ENG) vs Real Madrid (ESP); Juventus (ITA) vs PSV Eindhoven (NED); Monaco (FRA) vs Benfica (POR); Sporting (POR) vs Borussia Dortmund (GER); Celtic (SCO) vs Bayern Munich (GER); Feyenoord (NED) vs AC Milan (ITA); ***First legs to be played February 11/12, second legs February 18/19***

Draw for the last 16 is based on a predetermined bracket: Brest or PSG vs Liverpool (ENG) or Barca (ESP); Club Brugge or Atalanta vs Lille (FRA) or Villa (ENG); Man City or Real vs Atletico (ESP) or Leverkusen (GER); Juventus or PSV vs Arsenal (ENG) or Inter (ITA); Monaco or Benfica vs Barca (ESP) or Liverpool (ENG); Sporting or Dortmund vs Villa (ENG) or Lille (FRA); Celtic or Bayern vs Leverkusen (GER) or Atletico (ESP); Feyenoord or Milan vs Inter (ITA) or Arsenal (ENG); ***Draw for the last 16, Q/Fs & S/Fs on February 21***

Mukund, Ramkumar look to lift India

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SEASONED players Mukund Sasikumar and Ramkumar Ramanathan will lead Team India's challenge in the men's singles matches for their Davis Cup 2025 World Group I Playoffs tie against Togo to be played at DLTA Complex on February 1 to 2.

Mukund and Ramkumar, the team's highest-ranked singles players, will face Togo's Liova Ajavon and Thomas Setodji, respectively, on Day One of the clash, before the order will be reversed for Day Two, pitching Mukund against Setodji and Ramkumar against Ajavon in the final two rubbers. N Sriram Balaji and rising sensation Rithvik Bollipalli will combine to compete in the sole doubles tie on Day Two against Setodji and Padio Isak. Team India's non-playing captain, Rohit Rajpal, gave his views on the draw: "Very happy that Sasi (Mukund) is playing number one for the team and hopefully we'll get on to a good start. From their side, I believe they have switched their number one and two players, but we are ready for that."

Davis Cup World Group I Tie, India vs Togo. Final Draw: February 1: Singles: Mukund Sasikumar vs Liova Ajavon. Singles: Ramkumar Ramanathan vs Thomas Setodji. **February 2: Doubles:** N Sriram Balaji / Rithvik Bollipalli vs Thomas Setodji / Padio Isak. **Singles:** Mukund Sasikumar vs Thomas Setodji; Ramkumar Ramanathan vs Liova Ajavon.

NICE GESTURE

With flowers & chocolate, GM Yakubboev says sorry to Vaishali

AGENCIES
@ Wijk Aan Zee (The Netherlands)

UZBEK Grandmaster Nodirbek Yakubboev offered flowers, chocolate and a personal apology to Indian GM R Vaishali after causing quite a stir by refusing to shake hands with her before their game in the Tata Steel Chess Tournament here, citing "religious reasons".

Yakubboev met Vaishali, who was accompanied by her younger brother GM R Praggnanandhaa and mother Nagalakshmi, on the sidelines of the ongoing event. The 23-year-old reiterated that he regrets the "awkward situation" that arose because of his actions. "I am sorry (about) what happened," Yakubboev told Vaishali in a video that was shared online by 'ChessBase India'. Vaishali accepted his apology and assured him that she did not want him to feel bad about what transpired. "It's clearly understandable. I didn't take it that way, you don't have to feel bad," she responded. Nonetheless, Yakubboev made it clear that he meant no disrespect.

"...it was an awkward situation for both of us. I was in a hurry that day and really forgot. I want to wish good luck to both of you," he said. "You actually apologised, I clearly remember. You said sorry," Vaishali said.

Uzbek GM Nodirbek Yakubboev handing flowers and chocolate to R Vaishali | X

Gukesh maintains lead, Pragg shocks Caruana

WIJK AAN ZEE: World Champion D Gukesh maintained his half point lead with an easy draw against China's Wei Yi while R Praggnanandhaa outwitted top seed American Fabiano Caruana to come within striking distance of the leader after Round 11 of the Tata Steel Chess Tournament. Gukesh was up a pawn when the endgame surfaced but the position was level and the peace was signed in 30 moves. Pragg stunned Caruana from the black pieces to move to 7.5 points.

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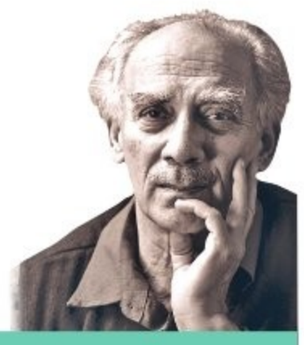

DAY'S DIARY

Edison in motion

Thomas A Edison finished construction of the first motion picture studio, the Black Maria on this day 1893 in West Orange, NJ

THEATRE REBRANDING

Formally called the Kinetographic Theatre, it was later nicknamed 'The Black Maria', the slang for dark police wagons with which Edison's staff compared the simple studio

A SMALL PRICE TO PAY

Edison demolished Black Maria in 1903 but a replica was built in 1954. Early customers paid five cents to see 20 to 30 seconds of silent film, one at a time

END OF AN ERA

The Black Maria's era came to an end in January 1901 when Edison inaugurated a new glass-enclosed studio on a rooftop in New York

Spectres of Savarkar
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FISCAL HOPES

Young B'lureans speak to CE about their expectations for Budget 2025

MAHIMA NAGARAJU

AS the nation gears up for Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's presentation of the Union Budget for 2025-26 today, what do young Bengalureans just starting to step into workplaces, making investments, or planning to buy homes, want from this fiscal year? The answers vary between reduction in tax, incentives for saving money, aid for the most marginalised in our society, and affordable housing.

ANAAN FAROOQ, public policy research associate

As a young person in Bengaluru, I'm hoping for a budget that actually speaks to the realities of people like us. Last year's gender budget was historic in terms of allocation, but it still missed key areas – like recognising the contributions of ASHA and anganwadi workers, who are the backbone of community healthcare and early education but continue to be underpaid and undervalued. There's also this huge silence on women's unpaid domestic labour, which feels like a glaring oversight year after year. This time, I would love to see a stronger focus on those at the margins – like Muslim women, Dalit women, and queer communities. Their needs aren't 'extras'; they are essentials. Whether it's access to healthcare, safe housing, or skill-building opportunities, catering to these communities specifically can transform lives, but it requires intentional allocations, not just broad strokes.

DINEET DADU, president of Millennium Mams' Bengaluru Chapter

India is at the cusp of evolution and we expect our government to make it easier for women to evolve and be independent. We applaud the Lakhpati Didi scheme that the Government has rolled out which focuses on empowering the urban poor by providing financial literacy, digital skills, and entrepreneurship training. This will help them adapt to the evolving urban landscape, hone their entrepreneurial abilities, and thrive in a supportive ecosystem. Tax changes will help put more money in people's hands, increasing spending power and driving consumption.

PRADEEP P, commerce professor

This year, my key expectation is better support for housing affordability. With Bengaluru's skyrocketing real estate prices, homeownership feels increasingly out of reach. Raising tax benefits under Sections 80C and 24(b) or introducing incentives for first-time buyers would make a real difference. Additionally, I hope for stronger investment in emerging technologies and job creation. Enhanced teacher training is also crucial for long-term growth. A lot of my peers in academia keep bringing up the need for more research funding, especially for teachers. Better funding and international collaborations could really boost the quality of Indian education and even attract more global students, making things more competitive worldwide.

ASMI GUPTA, marketing intern

As someone who's going to fully join the workforce in the coming months, I hope to see some relief in income tax, an increase in the basic exemption limit, and taxing higher income groups more. Since I am financially dependent on my parents for at least 50 percent of my expenditure, mostly what affects me is the price of fuel as it increases travel expenses and GST on education and recreational activities. Initiatives to support start-ups by providing financial incentives would also be great because it would lead to more jobs in an already saturated market.

DEEPAK KOTHARI, chartered accountant

As a young entrepreneur from Bengaluru, I see that a lot of my friends are confused when it comes to their investments. They are not sure whether they should invest because earlier, there were some deductions and benefits under Section 80C for investing in housing properties, ELSS, and in LICs; but that has been declining and it will affect the saving habit in people. I would encourage the government to bring that back so the habit is cultivated. Also, the limit for GST registration is very low, ₹20 lakhs (for service providers); that should be increased to ₹40 lakhs so that small enterprises are encouraged to do their business without the hurdles of GST.

XPRESS FOCUS

TATA AUTOCOMP ADVANCES ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT WITH TECHNOLOGY-FIRST SOLUTIONS

Tata AutoComp Systems Limited showcased cutting-edge, indigenously developed, technology-first solutions at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025, highlighting its commitment to strengthening India's self-reliance through groundbreaking localisation and technology leadership.

Arvind Goel, Vice Chairman of Tata AutoComp Systems said, "The automotive industry is undergoing a significant transformation, with electrification, hybridisation, hydrogen technologies, and software-driven vehicles shaping its future. Tata AutoComp is committed to leveraging these advancements to provide innovative solutions that empower the mobility ecosystem."

UJJIVAN SMALL FINANCE BANK REPORTS STRONG Q3FY25 GROWTH, LOAN BOOK HITS RS 30,466 CRORE

Ujjivan Small Finance Bank ltd. recently announced its financial performance for the quarter ended December, 2024. Sanjeev Nautiyal, MD & CEO, Ujjivan Small Finance Bank said, "Q3FY25 has been a healthy quarter wherein the diversification of loan book is showing consistent improvement. Our strategy towards more secured book has seen accelerated results contributing 39% to the total asset loan growing 13% QoQ and 52% YoY. These efforts enabled the loan book to grow to 30,466 crore up 0.4% QoQ and 10% YoY."

ROHIT SHARMA BACKED LEO1 EXPANDS IN BENGALURU WITH JAIN (DEEMED-TO-BE UNIVERSITY)

Rohit Sharma-backed LEO1, an edu-fintech company, has expanded its footprint in Bengaluru through a strategic partnership with JAIN (Deemed-to-be University). Together, they have introduced India's first Fee Reimbursement Card, a groundbreaking solution that simplifies education expense management, incentivises students, and improves financial transactions.

The Fee Reimbursement Card is a secure, numberless prepaid card that safeguards students' financial and personal information. Integrated with a mobile app, the card enables tuition fee payments, daily transactions, and offers rewards like cashback and LEO1 coins. Students and parents can redeem these coins at over 175 merchant partners, including Zomato, Myntra, Uber and many more, turning regular fee payments into cost-saving opportunities and additional benefits.

"SERIKON INNOVATIONS AND SRI PARIPOORNA SANATHANA AYURVEDA MEDICAL COLLEGE JOIN FORCES TO PIONEER SERICULTURE-INFUSED AYURVEDIC PRODUCTS"

SKUAST-K Startup Serikon Innovations Signs MoU with Sri Paripoorna Sanathana Ayurveda Medical College, Srinagar January 28, 2025 Serikon Innovations Pvt. Ltd., a SKUAST-Kashmir incubated startup, has signed an MoU with Sri Paripoorna Sanathana Ayurveda Medical College, Hospital, and Research Centre, Karnataka. The collaboration aims to develop innovative Ayurvedic, Cosmeceutical and Nutraceutical products by integrating sericulture-based bioactive additives with Ayurvedic herbs.

Prof. Dr. A.V. Srinivasan, Founder of Sri Paripoorna Sanathana Ayurveda Medical College, spoke on the occasion, emphasizing the significance of combining ancient Ayurvedic wisdom with modern innovations to address contemporary healthcare needs. Dr. Srinivas V Bandlamori , Director of Aspartika Biotech Pvt. Ltd., was present as a special guest and highlighted the potential of such partnerships in advancing sustainable healthcare solutions and joint collaborations between kashmir and Karnataka for technology transfer and exchange of human resources and expertise.

Dr. Aabid Khaliq Tantray, Founder of Serikon Innovations, stated, "This partnership represents a fusion of traditional knowledge and scientific innovation to create impactful, sustainable solutions for healthcare and wellness."

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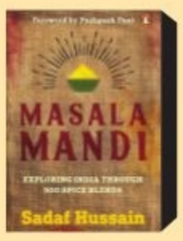
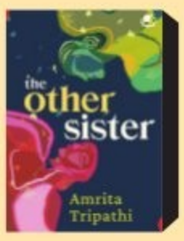


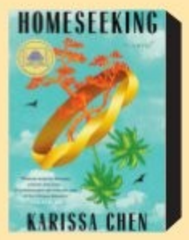
Masalamandi: A Guide to the World of Indian Spice Blends
by Sadaf Hussain

Learn about the history, cultural significance, and unique recipes behind each blend in this book and dive into a journey of flavours and discover how spices transform our everyday dishes into extraordinary experiences.



The Other Sister
by Amrita Tripathi

This book follows Maya, an urban millennial, who suddenly goes offline, leaving her friends in a panic. As she confronts trauma, secrets, and love, this haunting story explores modern disconnection and search for meaning.



Homeseeking
by Karissa Chen

A poignant story of Haiwen and Suchi, separated by decades of war and history. From childhood love in Shanghai to rediscovery in Los Angeles, their journey explores the Chinese diaspora, the complexity of home, and the enduring power of love.

Not for the Faint of Heart
by Lex Croucher

Mariel, a new captain of the Merry Men, and Clem, a healer, navigate danger and betrayal. As their journey unfolds, Mariel questions her loyalty to the Merry Men's cause, forging a bond with Clem while facing a war that could change everything.

ACTING IT OUT

Theatre artistes present the comedy social drama *Muddannana Promotion Prasanga* at Nayana Auditorium, JC Road | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

RAW BANANA FRY

INGREDIENTS

- **Raw banana:** 2 nos (thin straight slices)
- **Besan:** 1 tsp
- **Rava:** 1 tsp
- **Flour:** 1 tsp
- **Chilli powder:** 1 tsp
- **Turmeric powder:** 1/2 tsp
- **Salt:** 1 tsp
- **Chaat masala:** 1/2 tsp
- **Coriander leaves:** for garnish

METHOD

- Wash the banana slices in cold water.
- Place them in a tray.
- In a bowl add rava, besan, flour, chilli powder, salt, turmeric powder, chaat masala and mix it.
- Add the mixture on the banana slices, coat it well.
- Shallow fry the banana slices.
- Once done, garnish with coriander leaves and serve it hot.

Contributed by **Ayan,** Hyderabad

NOWSTREAMING

IDENTITY (Malayalam)

An honest police officer embarks on a mission to solve a brutal crime with the help of a sole eyewitness and a sketch artist.

Cast: Tovino Thomas, Trisha

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

THE STORYTELLER (Hindi)

Based on Satyajit Ray's short story *Golpo Boliye Tarini Khuro*, the movie explores the unusual arrangement between a storyteller and a wealthy businessman suffering from insomnia.

Cast: Paresh Rawal, Adil Hussain

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

FOREIGN

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED (English)

When two weddings are double booked at the same venue, the father of a bride-to-be and the sister of the other bride come up with a plan to share the venue, however, what follows is chaos

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- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

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SITTING FORWARD WRIST STRETCH

This is a joint freeing exercise that is performed seated in Vajrasana (Thunderbolt Pose), which allows for a extended reach from the hands to the floor, increasing extension at the elbow joint. This position allows engagement of the forearm muscles, intensifying the stretch along the wrists. Here, the position involves a slight forward bend, allowing the hands to rest on the floor.

STEPS

- Sit in Dandasana for a few breaths.
- Inhale, bend the right leg at the knee. Place the right foot close to the buttocks, exhale. Inhale. Raise buttocks off the floor to place the right foot under it.
- Repeat the same with the left leg. Bring the left foot under the buttocks, with toes touching and heels apart.
- Ensure knees are together with backs straight in Vajrasana.
- Bring your arms parallel to the ground, palms on the floor with the fingers pointing out.
- Exhale, bend with the torso resting the tops of your palms on the floor in front of your knees.
- Stay here for 6-8 deep breaths.
- Release from the forward bend, bring the hands back to the knees. Exhale, stretch the leg out in front, one after the other, back in Dandasana, hands to the sides of your body.
- Relax in Staff Pose Hands Back, taking a little gap between the legs.

BENEFITS

- Helps open the lower back and spinal muscles.
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- Enhances strength and flexibility of muscles of neck, shoulders, arms, wrists and fingers.
- Those who find it challenging to sit in Vajrasana can follow the pose seated on a chair, bed or any other preferred position.
- Excellent stretch for writers, typists, gamers, artists, artisans, teens, or whose work involves wrist and finger movements. Aids with carpal tunnel issues related to the elbows, wrists, and arms.
- Included in warm-up or peak pose yoga sequences.
- Helps women during menopause, easing and relaxing the arms and wrists.

LIMITATIONS

- Students who have injuries to the knees, wrists, shoulders, elbows, hips or spine, or undergone a recent surgery to knees, hips, ankles, shoulders or spine, or arthritis of the shoulders, hips or knees, severe pain on ankles, knees, wrist joints, shoulders, or carpal syndrome, should avoid this.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Alchemy Unleashed

Get ready to learn the Japanese martial art of Ninjutsu, a skill set that promises to develop focus, discipline, and confidence in everyday life.

WHEN: February 1, 11am
WHERE: Shoonya Centre for Art and Somatic Practices, Lal Bagh Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Music Blaze

Get ready for an action-packed evening filled with music and electrifying vibes as **Avial** performs live.

WHEN: February 1, 8pm **WHERE:** Ignite Super Club, HSR Layout **DETAILS:** insider.in

Dream Tales

Enjoy a series of captivating storytelling sessions tailored for children. This event, which is set to be performed by multiple artistes in multiple languages, promises to ignite imagination and creativity in children.

WHEN: February 1, 10am
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Jamming Dusk

Witness the magic of melodies and verses culminating together, as you step into a weekend of soulful music and vibrant jamming at Strings & Stanzas by Manchers and Peperit.

WHEN: February 2, 4.30pm
WHERE: House of Stories Hostel, Indiranagar
DETAILS: allevents.in

Walk & Sip

Connect over a relaxing morning walk with professionals and entrepreneurs, and finish with coffee or breakfast while engaging in inspiring conversations.

WHEN: February 2, 7am
WHERE: Cubbon Park, Ambedkar Veedhi
DETAILS: allevents.in

Dance it Out

Dance to the beats of DJ Jonas Monteiro and DJ Trave under the stars as you get to enjoy tasty food and signature drinks. This could be your excuse to create an unforgettable night of music, fun, and celebration.

WHEN: February 2, 8pm
WHERE: SkyDeck by Sherlock's, Ashok Nagar
DETAILS: insider.in

Comedy Craze

What happens when an introvert steps into the comedy world? Laugh your evening away with relatable humour that will leave you in stitches with **Ashwin Srinivas**.

WHEN: February 1, 8pm
WHERE: The Underground Comedy Club, Koramangala
DETAILS: insider.in

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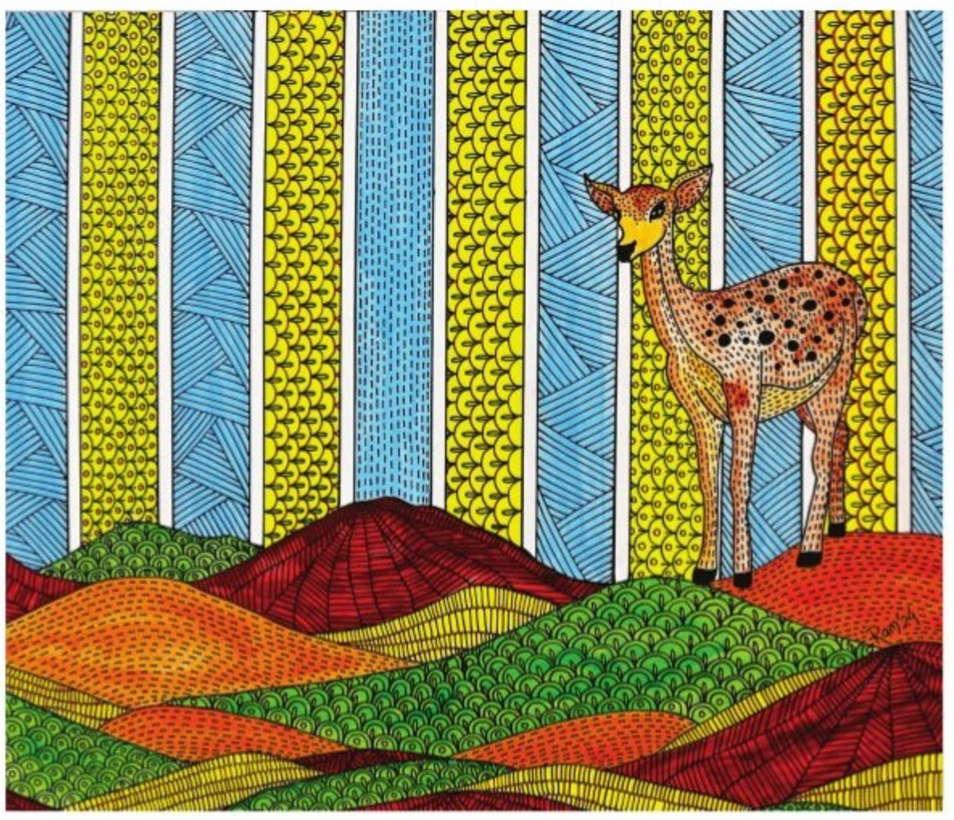
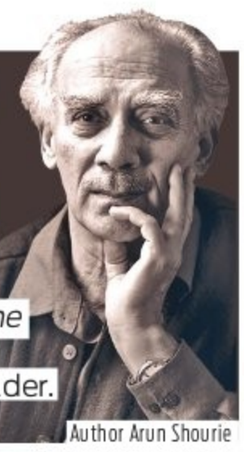


HOPE OF A DEER

Noida artist Ram Krishna Agrawal's painting depicts the significant role that deer play in maintaining ecological balance, dispersing seeds, and creating pathways in dense forests. This vibrant artwork is a call to restore degraded habitats and create corridors that can help save their population.

SPECTRES OF SAVARKAR

Arun Shourie's latest book, *The New Icon*, unravels some key myths about the Hindutva leader.



Author Arun Shourie

PARAMITA GHOSH

FOR some, the new spotlight on Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, who wrote one of the foundational texts of Hindutva politics, is an ideology's 'revenge' for being a historical footnote for long. For liberal India, however, his name will forever be associated with the conspiracy to kill Gandhi. Savarkar's followers have kept it interesting by piling myth upon myth. Some revisionists have said he had an interest in Hindu-Muslim unity in his youth; some have focused on his caste reformism, and some on his poetry.

Veteran journalist and former editor Arun Shourie, who was also a minister in the third BJP-led NDA government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee, in his latest book, *The New Icon: Savarkar and the Facts* (Penguin; ₹999), based on Savarkar's speeches, essays and statements, seeks to steer the reader's attention towards the myths and the man, and a 'Project Savarkar', which he says, is an attempt to erase Gandhi. Excerpts from a conversation:

Why is your book's title *The New Icon* when Savarkar is the 'grand old man' of Hindutva?

Savarkar is the person who is being resurrected now as part of a project to erase Gandhiji. Otherwise, he was a forgotten figure.

What are the Savarkar myths, some of which he himself propagated, that this book hopes to rectify – of him as an anti-British crusader, about being a mentor of Subhash Bose and the INA idea?

First, he is not a person fighting the British except advocating assassinations and violence when he is in his 20s. Later, he promises the British and says, 'I will be useful to you, I pledge I will be grateful to you, no one will be as politically useful to you as me…'.

As for Bose and the INA, Bose himself had recorded his meeting with Savarkar in a book and said that nothing can be expected from this man… Savarkar's claim that he provided the INA blueprint, is not true. The INA's formation predates the meeting between the two, and not one of the things that he said will be done because he has 'shown the way' to Bose, happens. India does not rise in revolt. The INA soldiers were not given important jobs by the Japanese. Indian soldiers in the British Indian army did not defect – which he said they would as he had put Hindus in the army.

Hindutva, which you summarised at the end of the book, has been the foundation of the movement that led to a BJP-led NDA government headed by Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

This is not a book on Hindutva. So, in this last page I have said, if you follow the sutras that Savarkar laid down for the formation of an Indian state of Hindu rashtra, it will become an Islamic state in saffron of the kind of cruelty that Savarkar associated with the Islamic state, with the super cunning, super deceit, which he propagated and which he said Hindus must acquire. That kind of state will make India a Pakistan, which we are becoming… So, in the last page, I've put out my plea: 'Save Hinduism from Hindutva'.

Has this always been your position?

My position has always been the *Express* position, always the facts and nothing but the facts.In Savarkar's case, he is being resurrected today, and I will only examine the facts. In this book you will find close to 600 references.

According to you what was the extent of Savarkar's involvement in the conspiracy to assassinate Gandhi?

The Kapur Commission, which examined the matter, and Sardar Patel in his letters to Nehru said it was a small group of Savarkariites in Poona who were responsible for the assassination and no doubt Nathuram Godse and Narayan Apte were his devoted bhakts. There is also the evidence of the approver in the trial and he says when Apte and Godse came down to meet Savarkar and came to Delhi to kill Gandhiji, he overheard them say, 'Now that Savarkar has blessed us, we will definitely succeed.' Savarkar was let off as it needed to be corroborated by other evidence.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Mrs. Divya Sudharshan W/o Sudharshan Lokeshwara, aged about 45 years, residing at No. 292, 2nd Cross, 2nd Block, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560085, have changed my name from **Divya B.** to **Divya Sudharshan,** vide affidavit dated 30/1/2025 sworn before XIV Addl. Judge Court of Small Causes and ACJM, Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **PRADEEP KUMAR C and SHYALAJA C,** R/a No.13, 4th E Cross, swamy Vivekananda Road, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560078 have changed our daughter name from **P BRUHATEE to VEKSHITHA RAGHAVI** and father name from **PRADEEP KUMAR to PRADEEP KUMAR C** and mother name from **SHYLAJA to SHYLAJA C** vide affidavit dt. 29.01.2025 before Notary **B V Nagabhushana,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Sudharshan Lokeshwara S/o G.L. Lokeshwara, aged about 49 years and **Mrs. Divya Sudharshan** W/o Sudharshan Lokeshwara, aged about 45 years, both are residing at No. 292, 2nd Cross, 2nd Block, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase Bengaluru South, Bengaluru - 560085, we have changed our minor son's name from **Kushal Ganjalgud S.** to **Kushal Ganjalgud Sudharshan,** vide affidavit dated 30/1/2025 sworn before the XIV Addl. Judge Court of Small Causes and ACJM, Bangalore City

CHANGE OF NAME

I, INDIRA, W/o Prem Singh, aged about 43 years, R/at No.342, 6th Cross, Behind Siddalingeshwara takis, KR layout, JP Nagar, 6th phase, Bangalore-560078, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **INDIRA and INDIRA BEEST** are one and the same and refers to me only, and my correct Date of Birth is 03-06-1981 henceforth I shall be known and called as **INDIRA** vide affidavit dated 28-01-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **P.N. NAGESH** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, CHANDRASHEKAR RAJU. P resident of No.48, 2ND Main, 30th Cross, 7th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560 070, have changed my name from **CHANDRASHEKER.P** to **CHANDRASHEKAR RAJU.P,** vide affidavit dated 30/1/2025 sworn to before V.Rajashekhara Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAVEEN K.C, S/o Chikka Anjinappa, aged about, 34 years, R/at Near Anjineya Temple, Kolipura Village, bandi Kodigehalli, Bangalore-562149, do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **NAVEEN .K.C and PRATHAP** are one and the same and refers to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SEJAL JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 29-01-2025, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MUNIRATHNAMMA .D** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Sudharshan Lokeshwara S/o G.L. Lokeshwara, aged about 49 years, residing at No. 292 2nd Cross, 2nd Block, Banashankari, 3rd Stage, 3rd Phase, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-560085,have changed my name from **Sudharshan L** to **Sudharshan Lokeshwara,** vide affidavit dated 30/1/2025 sworn before the XIV Addl. Judge Court of Small Causes and ACJM Bangalore City

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SANTOSH KUMAR, S/o Kantilal Chajjer, aged about 32 years, R/at Flat No. 2131, Beaumont Tower-2, Prestige West Woods, Gopalpura, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SANTOSH KUMAR KANTILAL** to **SANTOSH KUMAR** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SANTOSH KUMAR** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SEJAL JAIN, W/o Santosh Kumar, aged about 32 years, R/at Flat No. 2131, Beaumont Tower-2, Prestige West Woods, Gopalpura, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-560023 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SEJAL RAJENDRA KUMAR JAIN** to **SEJAL JAIN** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SEJAL JAIN** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AGNES, is legally wedded spouse of No.13830438 Ex late Sep FRANCIS D SILVA, residing at Lorven Urban Crest Apartment, Flat No.202, Chunchghatta Main Road, Beereshwaranagar JP Nagar, 7th Phase VTC Konanakunte ,Bangalore -560062, have changed my name from **AGNES** to **AGNES MARY D SILVA**, vide affidavit Dated :30/1/2025 before notary **S Samuel Solomon** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAMESH .M.C, R/at No.1081, Near Balakrishna Water Supply, A-Block, Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092, do hereby declare that both the names of my Minors son i.e. **LIKHIT and LIKHIT R.C** are one and the same and refers to my minor son only now I have changed son name to **LIKHIT .R.C** vide affidavit dated 30-1-2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **DIWAKAR .N. KAGAWAD**

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I. **PARIDHI AJMERA,** aged about 42 years, W/o. Amit Ajmera, residing at: Villa No. 823, Adarsh Palm Retreat, Devarabisanahalli, Bellandur Post, Bangalore-560103,

I have changed my name from **"PARIDHI SONI"** to **"PARIDHI AJMERA"** vide Affidavit dated 29.01.2025, sworn before P. Nanjunda, Advocate & Notary, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) K SWARNA,** Spouse of NO.16119451M, HAV, KASE KONDANNA, Residing at Bukkarayasamudram (Vill & Post), Bukkarayasamudram (MD & TK), Ananthapur (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 515701, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KODIMURTHI SWARNA** And **DOB** from **15.02.1997** to **16.06.1998** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, BHAIRAVI SUMESH Wife of Sumesh Pandyala Residing at No. GF 01, A Block, Elegant Embassy, Uttarahalli, Bengaluru-560061 Declared that **JIYAVIYA BHAIRAVI NATVAR** and **JIYAVIYA BHAIRAVIBEN NATVARLAL** above both names are refer to one and the same person, i.e. myself only. And have changed my Name to **BHAIRAVI SUMESH** for all my future purpose. Vide affidavit dated: 30.01.2025 sworn before Notary G. Dayananda, Bangalore.

ANNOUNCEMENT

I, MISS. D. RANI PRAMILA, D/O. Late D.Dass & Ani Haret, Residing at No. 8, Hanumanthappa Garden, Down Street, Bazaar Street, Neelasandra, Vivek Nagar Post, Bangalore- 560047, state that in my father's 515 Army Base Workshop records my name is wrongly mentioned as **PRAMILA** instead of **MISS. D. RANI PRAMILA,** My Correct Name is **MISS D. RANI PRAMILA** Vide Affidavit Dated 28.01.2025 sworn before Notary B.M.Chandrashekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANEETA** & **ANITA** aged about 28Yers, D/o **Halleppa** R/at No.20 3rd Cross, Mithun Reddy Building, Green Glen Layout, BellandurVillage & Post, Bangalore- 560103 have changed my name to **ANVITHAA** vide affidavit dated: 29/1/2025 Before Notary **A.R.Muneer Ahmed** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SEYAD MOHAMMED BUHARI BAZUL ASHAB,** S/o Bazul Ashab, Residing at No. 18, 3rd Cross, New Sapthagiri Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SEYAD MOHAMMED BUHARI** to **SEYAD MOHAMMED BUHARI BAZUL ASHAB** henceforth I shall be known and called as **SEYAD MOHAMMED BUHARI BAZUL ASHAB** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.G. PADMANABHA RAO** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, N. GEETHA is legally wedded spouse of No. 2571088N, Rank: Ex. HAV, SUBBARAO INDUSHEKAR, residing at No. 312, skanda Nilaya, 5th Main, 2nd Cross, Godavari Nandi Road, Bangalore 560050 have changed my name from **N. GEETHA to GEETHA** SHEKAR vide Affidavit dated. 30.1.2025 before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

DECLARATION

I, THEJESHREE R V, D/o. R N Venkataswamy, residing at No. 18, Nethra Farm, Kammanahalli Main Road, St. Thomas Town, Bangalore 560084, state that in my 10th Marks Card my father's name is wrongly mentioned as **R N VENKATSWAMY** instead of his correct name **R N VENKATASWAMY,** my mother's name is wrongly mentioned as **K S SUJATHA** instead of her correct name **SUJATHA K S,** vide affidavit dated 31.01.2025 sworn before notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.16119451M, HAV, KASE KONDANNA, Residing at Bukkarayasamudram (Vill & Post), Bukkarayasamudram (MD & TK), Ananthapur (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 515701, Have Changed My Son **(OLD NAME) TALARI HRUTHWIK** to **(NEW NAME) KASE HRUTHWIN** Vide Affidavit Dated 27.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary GANGARAJU.B.N BANGALORE

AFFIDAVIT

I, **HARIPRASAD K,** S/o G. Krishnamurthy, aged about 52 years, R/at No. 128, 5th Block, Vemanna Street, Doddabommasandra, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560 097. I State that, in my Aadhaar Card my name is entered as **'HARI PRASAD K'** and in all the records my name entered as **'HARIPRASAD K'.** Hereby declare that, **'HARI PRASAD K'** & **'HARIPRASAD K'** names are one & the same and it refers to me only, vide Affidavit dated 30.01.2025, Sworn before Advocate and Notary K.C Gowthami, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED FATHAULL Residing at Kadripura Near Government Kolar 563101, have changed my minor son's name from **(OLD NAME) MOHAMAD FARHAN ULLA** to **(NEW NAME) MOHAMMED FARHANULLA** vide affidavit dated 29.01.2025 sworn before Notary V.Rajashekhara, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **BINDU,** spouse of JWO **PRADEEP R,** resident of SMQ 76/3, HQTC, IAF, JC Nagar Post, Hebbal, Bengaluru- 560006, Karnataka, have changed my name from **BINDU** to **BINDU K** vide affidavit dated 30-01-2025 before Notary **JALANDHARA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHAZIYA TAJ BASHEER** W/o **SYED USMAN YOUSUFF** Holder Passport No: M7940848 R/at No.5 E 7th Street, Broadway Road, Shivajinagar, Bengaluru-560051 have changed my name to **SHAZIYA TAJ** vide affidavit dated: 28/1/2025 Before Notary **A.Gerard** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GOWRI, is legally wedded spouse of No. 2577664H, NK (TS) N. C.Joyappa, residing at Hosapalya, Kaveri Nilaya, 8th Cross, Bommanahalli Post, Bangalore 560064, have changed my name from **GOWRI** to **SWATHA** vide Affidavit dated, 30.1.2025 before Notary **S. SAMUEL SOLOMON,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) ANIRUDDH NAIR, Residing at No.D-110-Gopalan Millennium Habitat, Next to CMIRT, Kundanahalli, Brookfield, Bengaluru 560037, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ANIRUDDH NAIR to (NEW NAME) ANIRUDDH MENON** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2025 sworn before Notary A.Gerard, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **MUTHURAJ NAYAK** S/o. Muniswamy Nayak, residing at No. 806, 12th Cross, Weavers Colony, Gottigere Post, Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru-560083, declaring that my name in my school records mentioned as **Muthuraja Nayak** instead of Mutharaj Nayak, my correct name is **MUTHURAJ NAYAK** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2025, sworn before notary Muniswamy T, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. P KRISHNAVENI,** W/o P Venkatachalapathi, Residing at No.74, 4th Cross, Maruthi Layout, M S Palya, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru-560097. Hereby declare that as per my Aadhar and Pancard my name is **P KRISHNAVENI** and in passport my name is wrongly mentioned as **ANKICHETTY KRISHNAVENI** request the concerned authorities to do necessary changes Henceforth my name will be **P KRISHNAVENI** in all my records and documents vide affidavit dated 29.01.2025 sworn to before Notary **S R Ravikumar,** Bengaluru .

AFFIDAVIT

I, **S DHARAMSI PATEL,** S/o. Shivaji Patel, aged about 60 years, residing at # 169, Ward No. 20, Bharathi Nagara, Chikkaballapur-562101, do hereby declare that my name & date of birth appears in my pan card - ADCPP5181A & Aadhar Card - 2356 8095 6398 is **S DHARAMSI PATEL & DOB 10.10.1964** & in Passport (H9536031) my name appears as **PATEL DHARMASI SHIVAJI & date of birth is 29.10.1965** both the names are one and the same and my Date of Birth remains as per Pan & Aadhar, presently for all identification proofs I am called as **S DHARAMSI PATEL & date of birth is 10.10.1964,** vide affidavit dated 29.01.2025, sworn to before P.V. Ramachandra Reddy, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of Karnataka, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NARASIMHAPPA.M. S/o. Madhi Letappa, aged about 40 years, R/at. No.378, 17th Cross, V.S. Garden, J.J.R. Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 023, have changed my son's name from THANOJA.N to GAUTHAM.N vide Affidavit dated 30-01-2025 sworn before advocate and notary G. Dayananda, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Kavita Pradeep Jain,** wife of Pradeep Anil Kumar Jain, aged about 49 years, residing at No. VJ-002. Pruksa Silvana Villa, Nimbekaipura Road, Bommenahalli, Bangalore, hereby declare that my names **PAWAR KAVITA MADHAV or PAWAR KAVITA MADHAVBHAI** belongs to one and the same person, henceforth, I have decided to continue my name in future as **KAVITA PRADEEP JAIN** vide affidavit dated 30-01-2025 sworn to before Chief Judicial Magistrate Bengaluru City

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Praveen Kumar, S/o Late K.A. Nanaiah, aged about 49 years and Smt. S.A. Kaveramma, W/o Praveen Kumar aged about 45 years, both residing at No. 9, Bhagavathi Krupa, 4th Cross, Vinayaka Block, Sector A, Amruth Nagar, Behind Sharada School, Sahakara Nagar Post, Bangalore-560092 do hereby declare that I have changed my minor Son's name **K.P. LUITH DEVAIAH** to **KANDANDA P LUITH** henceforth I shall be known and called as **KANDANDA P LUITH** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I **Vijaykumar B C ,** S/o Late Chandrashekar B residing at Arjunabettahalli have changed my name to **Vijay Kumar B C** vide affidavit dated 26/01/2025 Sworn before Notary Mr Gangaraja C.B, Blore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) GOPALA KRISHNAN C,** Father of NO.16129062A, NK, SREEDEV G, Residing at Keezhya Pazhaya Madathil Puthen Veedu, Manappuram (Vill), Malayinkeezhu (Post), Malayinkeezhu, Thiruvananthapuram (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 695571, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) GOPALAKRISHNAN NAIR C** Vide Affidavit Dated 04.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **G R MANJUNATH** S/o G B Ramachandra, Kendra Bindu Apartment, No.206, 1st Floor, 8 A main, 5th Cross, NTI Layout, Vidyaranyapura, Bengaluru-560097. Hereby declare that as per my Aadhar Card my name is **G R MANJUNATH** and in my SSLC marks card it is mentioned as **MANJUNATHA G R.** Both the names belongs to me only. henceforth my name will be **G R MANJUNATH** only in all my records and documents, vide affidavit dated 29.01.2025 sworn to before Notary **K C Pemmaiah,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRABHAKAR VASUDEV SHENOY,** S/o. Karekurve Vasudev Rao, aged about 60 years, residing at No. 1/5, Sorab Road, Sagar-577401, have declared vide affidavit dated 30.01.2025 before Notary Arun R Naik, that in my Aadhaar Card bearing No. 2975 5766 8904 and e-PAN Card bearing No. DVBPG0935F my name is mentioned as Gundu Rao Karekurve Vasudev though of my actual name is **PRABHAKAR VASUDEV SHENOY** as per other documents like U.S. Passport No. A13653713, Petition before Court of Prothonotary of chester county, U.S.A., dated 08.05.2022 and Certificate of Naturalisation bearing Reg. No. 43772787 U.S.A.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **LOKESH.A.R & RAMYA. C,** R/at No. U15, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, Dayananda Nagar, Srirampuram, Bangalore-560 021, have changed our Son's name from **JASHIK.L to JASHVIK.L** (ಜಶ್ವಿಕ್.ಎಲ್). Vide affidavit dated: 04/01/2025 sworn before Notary C.K. Anupama, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **SANJANA DEVI** and **ROTAN SINGH** legally Mother and Father of No 3012638F LHav SONU TOMAR presently residing at Vill- Digner, PO- Digner, Teh- Sadar, Distt- Agra, State- UP, have changed our names from **SANJU DEVI to SANJANA DEVI** and **RAUTAN SINGH to ROTAN SINGH** for all purposes vide affidavit dated 31-01-2025 before Notary Anasuyamma, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, K.P. YAJAT, S/o Praveen Kumar, aged 18 years, residing at No. 9, Bhagavathi Krupa, 4th Cross, Vinayaka Block, Sector A, Amruth Nagar, Behind Sharada School, Sahakara Nagar Post, Bangalore-560092 do hereby declare that I have changed my name **K.P. YAJAT AIYAPPA** to **K.P. YAJAT** henceforth I shall be known and called as **K.P. YAJAT** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 28/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. CHITRA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GANGADHARA ADIGA** S/o Ganapayya Adiga, R/o No.6 Arindam, 5th A Main Road, Nayak Layout, JP Nagar 8th Phase Bengaluru – 560076, have changed my name as **GANGADHARA ADIGA KORCHIBETTU,** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2025 sworn before notary Aravind Patil G.G, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) THEERTHA,** Mother of NO.16134563K, SPR, PAVAN M D, Residing at Madanahally (Vill), Madabalu (Post), Aluru (Tehsil), Hassan (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 573218, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) THIRTHA** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) M.MEENA W/o. JC 315033F Nb Sub Loganathan.G, resident of #206,T.M.Compound, Near Murugan Temple, Vijinapura, Bengaluru-560016, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) M.MEENA** to **(NEW NAME) MEENA.M** vide affidavit dated 29.01.2025 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAHUL RATHAN, aged about 37 years, S/o. Elish Babu Raj, residing at #7/421, 1st Christian Street, Kollegal, Chamarajnagar District-571440, Karnataka State today Camping at Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAHUL RATHAN ELIESHA BABU** to **RAHUL RATHAN,** vide affidavit dated 31.01.2025, sworn to before Gangaraju .B.N, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUDHINDRA,** S/o Sri Sarvottama Ugrani, resident of #18, Pavana Raghu, 2nd Floor, 1st Cross Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, BSK III Stage, Bangalore 560085, have changed my name to **SUDHINDRA KATKERE** vide affidavit dated 29-01-2025 sworn to before advocate and notary H.G. Padmanabha Rao, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ASHWINI H G,** W/o. Sharath Kumar N G, Aged about 49 years, resident of No.C0001, Adarsh Astria, Kadirenahalli Main Road, Padmanabhanagar, Bengaluru-560 070, have changed my name from **ASHWINI SHARATH KUMAR** to **ASHWINI HARYADI GANESH,** vide affidavit dated: 31-01-2025 sworn before notary L Puttaraju, Reg. No.LAW-LCL/ 274/2020, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **CRISPIN THOMAS FERNANDES,** And **RADHIKA CRISPIN FERNANDES,** R/at, 317 South Wing, Anisha Stoneyards, 1st Main Road, L.B.Shastri Nagar, HAL Post, Bengaluru-560017 have changed the name of our Minor Daughter from **SAMAIRA CRISPIN FERNANDES** (Old name) to **SAMAIRA FERNANDES** (New Name), vide affidavit dated : 30/01/2025 before Notary **S.I.BALAGURU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KONAPURAM GURUNATHAREDDY** S/o Kondapuram Hanumantha Reddy R/o No.32/A, 1st Floor, Renukamba Temple Road, Kothanur Dinne JP Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru – 560076, have changed my name as **KONDAPURAM GURUNATH REDDY,** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2025, sworn before notary Aravind Patil G.G, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) M B DINESHA,** Father of NO.16134563K, SPR, PAVAN M D, Residing at Madanahally (Vill), Madabalu (Post), Aluru (Tehsil), Hassan (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 573218, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) M B DINESH** Vide Affidavit Dated 29.01.2025 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, APSARA SAKHARE, W/o. HEMANTH SAKHARE, residing at #19, Guru Nilaya, Amarjyothi Layout, Cholanagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560032, have changed my name to **APSARA SAI** vide Affidavit Dated: 29/01/2025, sworn before Notary L.B.ANASUYAMMA, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ANITHAKUMARI M M** aged 56 Years W/o **Medappa M.S** R/at No.2, Chikkathoguru Road, Vasthunagar Bangalore South, Electronics City, Bengaluru- 560100 I hereby declare that my Date of birth is also wrongly Mentioned in my Aadhar card as **21/07/1964 my actual date of birth as 20/03/1969 and my actual name as PONAVVA. M M** and vide affidavit dated: 30/1/2025 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **REVATHI KODI,** W/o Suresh Bijoor, aged about 49 years, R/at No. 89, Concorde Sylvan View Near Old Coin Club Ramasagara Electronic City, Bengaluru-560100 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **REVATHI KODI HONNAVARA** to **REVATHI KODI** henceforth I shall be known and called as **REVATHI KODI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 30/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **GANGARAJU .B.N** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, **VIVEKANAND BALAJI** and **SARAYU PRASAD,** both are residing at No.518 Shriram Sameeksha, New Gangamma Gudi Police Station Road Jalahalli East, Bangalore - 560014, do hereby declare that we have changed our daughter's name from **SANVI V PRASAD** to **SANVI PRASAD.** Henceforth, she shall be known and called as **SANVI PRASAD** only, vide affidavit dated 29/01/2025, sworn before advocate and notary K C Pemmaiah, at Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **LAVANYA MOHANA** W/o Mohana Harhalli Puttegowda aged 46 years Residing at No. 5-15, 5th Division, Bidarur, Shanivarsanthe, Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu 571235 declare that I have Changed my Name From **LAVANYA MOHANA** (Old Name) to **LAVANYA MOHAN** (New Name) vide, Affidavit dated 28-01-2025 Sworn Before Notary N K Lakshmana, Bengalore. Henceforth I Shall be Known as **LAVANYA MOHAN** in all My Future Documents.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, DHARMESH RADHESHYAM AGRAWAL, S/o. Radheshyam Manatrai Agrawal, residing at #605, Mayfair Cambridge Road, Ulsoor HAL II Stage, Bengaluru 560008, have changed my name to **DHARMESH AGRAWAL** vide Affidavit Dated: 29/01/2025, sworn before Notary L.B.ANASUYAMMA, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SUMITRA DEVI** residing at No : NO.490,/588, KHADER SHARIFF GARDEN,4TH CROSS, LALBHAG ROAD Bengaluru : 560027, Karnataka. Have changed my name to **SUMITRA DEVI KUMARESHAN** vide affidavit dated 13/01/2025, sworn before Notary **Hemalatha.P,** Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **C PREMA,** Aged About 60 Years, W/o Nagarathinam, Residing At No. 39, 1st Cross, Erappa Reddy Layout, Subbaiahnapalaya, Bangalore, Karnataka-560033, I have changed my name from **PREMA** to **C PREMA** and I have changed my date of birth from **06.04.1964** to **05.06.1964.** I solemnly affirm and declare that both the names and DOB are indicating and referring myself as a same and one identical person, not different person whatsoever. Vide affidavit dated 27-01-2025 sworn before advocate and notary Uday Kumar .K, Bengaluru

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **GAUTAM BILGI,** aged 35 years, S/o Vishwanath, residing at Jorapur Peth, Banagar Galli, Bijapur, now on a visit to Bengaluru, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GAUTAM BILGI** to **GAUTAM BILLGIE** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GAUTAM BILLGIE** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 25/01/2025 sworn before Advocate and Notary **ANITHA BAI** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) PAVAN NAYAK residing at No. 391, 6th Main Road, Near Om Shakthi Temple Indiranagar, Bangalore 560038. have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PAVAN NAYAK** to **(NEW NAME) PAVAN NAIK M H** vide affidavit dated 31.01.2025 sworn before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KONDAPURAM GURUNATHAREDDY** S/o Kondapuram Hanumantha Reddy R/o No.32/A, 1st Floor, Renukamba Temple Road, Kothanur Dinne JP Nagar 8th Phase, Bengaluru – 560076, have changed my name as **KONDAPURAM GURUNATH REDDY,** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2025, sworn before notary Aravind Patil G.G, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SHARADA K.V,** W/o Sri. Nagabhushana K, aged about 47 years, residing at: No. 99, 5th Cross, Shettihalli Main Road, Mallasandra, Dasarahalli, Bengaluru-560057, hereby declare that I have corrected my name in Passport from **"NAGABHUSHANA KAMALAPPA SHARADA"** to **"SHARADA KANAKAPURA VENKATARAMANAPPA",** vide affidavit dated 30.01.2025, sworn to before Mr. K.P. Ramesh, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SRIVALLI BANDARU, resident of Flat #111, Sri Chakra Blossom, 4th Cross, 845 85/2, Margondanahalli, Hulimangala Road, Near Bharat Petrol Pump, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Electronics City Phase-1, Bengaluru 560100, have changed my name to **SRIVALLI PANNEM** vide dated: 30/01/2025, sworn before Notary GANESH GOWDA M.V, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SWAMI MADHUMAYANANDA BALAYOGI, D.O.B: 25.08.1962, C/o. K S Linganna Alias Bettegowda, Residing at No. 07/D, Suvarna Soudhamini, New Ring Road, Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru -560072, Karnataka, have changed my name to MADHUMAYA ANANDA GURUJI vide affidavit dated: 30.01.2025 before notary GANGARAJU .B.N., Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mis. BHAGYA LAKSHMI .R,** C/o Tadimarri Ramu, Residing at No. 28-460-1, Rajendranagar, Dharmavaram, Ananthapuram, Andhra Pradesh-515671 do hereby declare that both the names i.e

Naveen Shankar
breathes life in this quest inwards

NODIDAVARU ENANTHARE
Director: Kuldeep Cariappa
Cast: Naveen Shankar, Apoorva Bharadwaj, Rajesh Mariyammannahalli and Padmavati Rao

NODIDAVARU Enanthare unfolds on a subtle note, with perspectives emerging from the chaos of Siddharth's inner world. Through the eyes of director Kuldeep Cariappa, the film offers not just a character study but also holds a mirror to the judgemental society. The title itself poses a question—What will people say?—as a haunting echo throughout Siddharth's journey, revealing how he is pulled down by the weight of others' perspectives and loses his sense of self.

Siddharth (Naveen Shankar), a web designer in his late 20s, suffers due to expectations. The story doesn't palpably reveal his struggles, except through the minor, subtle moments such as the cold cafeteria, the unsent message to his mother, and the honking in frustration. These are the silent screams of a man wanting to break free of the past that doesn't let go of him.

Siddharth grapples with the aftermath of a breakup. His emotional turmoil bleeds into his work, causing him to miss a crucial opportunity in Toronto. Raised by his father after his mother's departure when he was just two, Siddharth's world collapses further with the death of his father. His job slips away and throws him into an existential crisis. In search of meaning, he embarks on a journey of self-discovery, driven by his passion for writing and and wanting yo meet Janaki devi (Padmavati Rao). Kuldeep explores Siddharth's quest for answers in the face of an existential crisis. Will he uncover his true purpose?

The film doesn't rely on drama but instead delves into the spaces between Siddharth's frustrations and the small moments that define his life. His breakup with his ex (Sonu Gowda) reflects deeper cracks in his identity, while each failed connection with friends and colleagues highlights his growing disconnection from society. Attempting to reach out to his estranged mother, Siddharth drafts a message that falls short, symbolising struggle to bridge the gap between past and present—an abandoned son unable to find the right words for a bond that never fully existed.

RATING 3.5/5

His path of self-doubt and frustration reaches a breaking point, and Siddharth decides to leave, packing his bags and walking away from his job. But he leaves behind one thing: a picture of his mother—a symbol of the unresolved pain he carries with him. The melancholy song 'Malagiru Kanda' echoes his sense of loss and longing. His journey takes him away from the familiar confines of his life in Bengaluru to a place where he is forced to confront his past and societal expectations. Along the way, he meets various characters who challenge his worldview. A shepherd, Mallanna (Rajesh Mariyammannahalli), who is carefree despite losing one hand in an accident and his mother losing her husband, makes Siddharth reflect on his own life. When Mallanna asks whether he doesn't have anyone to scold, Siddharth is forced to examine his own life choices. This encounter deepens his quest to understand who he is truly.

However, him bumping into Nadia (Apoorva Bharadwaj) marks his turning point. Nadia, like a force of nature, embodies the very escape he seeks. Their conversation, an accidental intimacy—casual yet deeply impactful—speaks to the transient nature of happiness, the impossibility of truly knowing another person, and the idea that we are all merely characters in someone else's story. This moment, suspended in time, reshapes Siddharth's understanding of identity.

The societal pressure—the unspoken rules of gender and success—echoes throughout the film, culminating in Siddharth's encounter with Janaki devi. Her name subtly resurfaces throughout the narrative, only for Siddharth to realise in the end that she is his mother. It's not just a meeting of mother and son but of two people, each shaped by the silent, stifling judgements of the world around them. Siddharth's bitterness isn't just toward his mother but toward a system that is okay with men deserting families while crucifying women who do the same. It's an observation of the deep fractures in a society that cannot reconcile its expectations with its humanity.

Director Kuldeep, with *Nodidavaru Enanthare*, threads a travel story that connects with anyone grappling with personal and professional turmoil. His narrative captures the essence of individuals like Siddharth, who are lost in their struggles, seeking escape and meaning in a world that feels overwhelming. Kuldeep's ability to portray the complexity of these internal battles with sensitivity and depth gives the film a raw, authentic quality, making it not just a story but a reflection of many untold journeys.

The music by Mayuresh Adhikari adds another layer of meaning to the story, enhancing the emotional depth of each situation. Cinematography by Ashwin Kennedy effectively captures the mood and atmosphere. The shots are well-determined according to the.

Naveen Shankar delivers a deeply personal and compelling performance as Siddharth in *Nodidavaru Enanthare*. His immersion into the character was impeccable. Naveen skilfully navigates Siddharth's internal struggles, authentically conveying moments of frustration, confusion, and self-doubt. As the film progresses, Naveen's performance grows in power, culminating in a natural clarity that reflects his deep understanding of the character's journey.

Apoorva Bharadwaj, whose versatility shines through in every role she takes on, further deepens the emotional landscape of the film with her fine performance. She brings her signature depth and range to the role, offering Siddharth both a mirror and a muse for his journey.

In a standout cameo, the ever-versatile Padmavati Rao delivers a meaningful role that is both unexpected and poignant, leaving a subtle but indelible mark on the story.

Nodidavaru Enanthare, in a crux, doesn't give us answers but discomfits us with the questions. The unresolved hope that lingers at the film's conclusion isn't a promise of redemption but an invitation to continue searching, not for answers but for the courage to simply live without the weight of what others think.

#PARUPARVATHY
Director: Rohit Keerti
Cast: Deepika Das, Poonam Sirnaik, Fawaz Ashraf, and KS Shridhar

A LONG ROAD TO SELF-DISCOVERY, MEASURED IN DISTANCE AND EMOTION

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WHEN two individuals from drastically different backgrounds—each with their own reasons for embarking on a journey—cross paths, it becomes more than just a trip. *#ParuParvathy* is a tale of contrasts. Payal (Deepika Das), a 26-year-old vlogger, uses travel to escape, documenting every moment through her camera. Yet for all her talk of spontaneity, she's still trapped by her own rules, seeking freedom within the confines of structure. On the other hand, there's Paru (Poonam Sirnaik), a 62-year-old woman with a past filled with childhood marriage, unfulfilled dreams, and a lifetime of silence.

As their paths intersect, Payal's romanticised view of travel as an escape collides with Paru's deeper need for healing and self-discovery. They travel across Karnataka, Goa, Mumbai, Mathura, and finally reach Uttarakhand, but the real journey is internal. This isn't a story about running away from the past but confronting it. Both women are carrying emotional baggage, but through their shared journey, they're forced to face it head-on. Paru's transformation—from surviving to truly living—is a key part of the film, especially as she reclaims her voice through technology, something that was stolen from her long ago.

By the time Paru starts her own YouTube channel, sharing her story, it's not a perfect victory. It's a moment—raw, unfiltered, and imperfect. She's still learning, but on her own terms.

And then there's Midhun (Fawaz Ashraf)—a wildcard who throws a wrench into Payal's worldview and forces both women to confront their emotional wounds. He's no saviour, but his presence cracks open Payal's neatly packaged beliefs about freedom. It's messy, it's uncomfortable, but sometimes it takes an outsider to make you challenge everything you thought you knew.

RATING 3/5

And the hashtag in the title is a modern-day element that amplifies the film's message. The film's climax is close to reality and not exaggerated; it is not a candy-floss, happy ending. Paru realises that her journey isn't about arriving somewhere but rather understanding the chains she's been carrying and finally breaking them. It's a metaphor for how we all hold onto the past and how difficult it is to let go. But the film doesn't pretend it's easy. It's not about finding peace through a simple mindset change; it's about the struggle to break free from the ghosts of our past and find the courage to stop running.

The ending isn't tied up in a neat bow. Paru's not standing with her transformation completed, but looking out at the horizon, ready for whatever comes next. *#ParuParvathy* doesn't spoon-feed you a life lesson. It's about facing the hard parts of yourself and realising that the real journey is the one you take within.

Writer-director Rohit Keerti ambitiously attempts to weave multiple layers of storytelling, but in doing so, the film feels slightly overextended at times. Clocking in at 2 hours and 40 minutes, the film could have used a tighter edit to sharpen the narrative's tone and pacing. The film's simple yet philosophical dialogues, while well-intentioned, are a hit-and-miss. Cinematographer Abin Rajesh, however, succeeds in capturing the beauty of the journey through stunning road shots and drone footage, lending the film a visual charm. The music by R Hari stands out, with the Radhe song, shot amidst the vibrancy of Holi in Mathura, being a standout.

Despite the language barrier, Hindi film actor Poonam Sirnaik, making her Kannada debut, pours her heart into the role of Paru. Naturally, the best support comes from Sudharani, who dubs for Sirnaik. Her voice sounds a little younger than the age specified for her role, but it adds an extra layer of emotion and enriches Paru's portrayal. Deepika Das, as Payal, the woman masking her inner turmoil, delivers a steady, restrained performance. She's an independent woman and has less room for emotional depth.

It is Fawaz Ashraf, playing Mithun—a Malayali-Kannadiga—who brings his boundless energy that brightens things up and adds a touch of vivacity to an otherwise sombre narrative.

#ParuParvathy is more than just a journey across India; it's a story about rediscovery and healing. At its core, it explores the complexities of self-liberation and the power of emotional growth. The bond between Paru and Payal speaks to the universal human experience of grappling with past wounds, and the film ultimately underscores the importance of confronting those wounds to move forward. Paru and Payal's shared journey feels like a long road to self-discovery, measured in distance and emotion.

Aniissh
returns to direction with new project

CE FEATURES

FOLLOWING the success of his last film, *Aaram Aravinda Swamy*, a commercial entertainer directed by Abhishek Shetty that became a hit in 2024, Aniissh is preparing for his next big venture. This time, the talented actor is all set to deliver a project that blends strong content with commercial appeal. Interestingly, Aniissh, who previously tested his directorial skills with Ramarjuna, will once again step behind the camera for this upcoming film. Partnering with Bhavapreet Productions, the project is backed by Vijay M Reddy. This collaboration also marks Vijay's entry into film production.

Aniissh shared this exciting news on his social media. Saying that he is "thrilled to announce his next project," the actor-director wrote, "After Ramarjuna, I'm once again stepping into the director's chair, and this time, it's going to be bigger and better! Our team is working hard to meet your expectations. I believe you will see me in another promising and unique role, and to reach a larger audience, we're filming simultaneously in both Kannada and Telugu."

The team, which has already commenced shooting, will reveal the title, cast, and other details soon. With his fresh approach to filmmaking, Aniissh plans to tackle the challenge of balancing mass entertainment with thoughtful, engaging content through this new project.

The actor is all set to deliver a project that blends strong content with commercial appeal

Aniissh

A still from the film

'25-Day theatrical run proves films don't need stars to succeed'

CE FEATURES

NIMMA Vasthugalige Neeve Javabdaararu continues to impress as it enters its fourth week in theatres, celebrating a small success—completing 25 days. Directed by debutant Keshav Moorthy, the film challenges traditional norms and sets a new standard for content-driven cinema.

On the film's success, Keshav Moorthy said, "Completing 25 days in theatres is proof that films don't need stars to succeed. With the right content and approach, you can win the audience's heart."

He added, "I wanted to create something different, something that resonates with today's audience. It was important to break away from the usual formulas and create a story that stays with people long after they leave the theatre."

Getting multiplex screens was a challenge, but the film found its audience through word-of-mouth. Keshav Moorthy shared, "It wasn't easy to get theatres, but the overwhelming support from the audience has been a huge validation for independent cinema."

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javabdaararu is a three-part anthology exploring themes of theft, possessions, and human vulnerabilities, starring Dileep Raj, Prasanna V Shetty, Apoorva Bharadwaj, Madhusudan Govind, and Shilpa Manjunath.

Keshav Moorthy concluded, "This is just the beginning. I hope our success will inspire more filmmakers to take risks and stay true to their vision. We've started something, and I'm excited to see where this new wave of this kind of cinema goes."